

Principal's News



Dear Parents,

It has been a VERY busy two weeks!

What a fabulous day we had together on our

FAMILY FUN DAY!

The weather was kind (it didn't rain!) and everyone who attended enjoyed the range of activities and food on offer. It was great to see so many people, and the community volunteering as helpers.

The day would not have been possible without the coordination of Michelle Don Paul and the members of the PFA Committee, assisted by parents working on stalls, members of the Leadership Team, Gary Bendall and the staff who attended.

It was a HUGE success in terms of community building, which was its main objective. It was also a financial success, raising \$3200 towards our school projects. Thank you all for your support!

YEAR THREE RECONCILIATION

The last of the Year Three classes celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday. It was lovely to join 3CJ and their families for this special time. Thanks to Fr Michael and Fr Wayne from Heidelberg West for assisting the children through the Sacrament. Thank you to Marita Anderson, our Religious Education Leader, and the Year Three teachers and LSOs for their preparation of the students ~ Kristina Reid, Lauren Addati, Annie Jenkins and Giulia Costa. Congratulations to all the students on their understanding and participation. That concludes our Sacramental programs for 2024.

2025 CLASS ORGANISATION

If you are not returning to St Martin's in 2025, could you please advise me in writing as soon as possible, as we are finalising classes and need to know numbers.

To clarify:

The opportunity to email me regarding specific needs for your child DOES NOT guarantee that it will be possible. There are many factors in arranging classes, including the fact that we only have three classes at each level. The students will be mixed, but at some stage may be back in a class with others from previous years. Please remember that the circumstances may have changed as the students have matured, and wider friendships have been formed.

When teachers organise classes for the following year, they seek a balance of academic ability, emotional, behavioural, social and physical capabilities, and gender.

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. It is sometimes the case that you are more worried about the possibilities which *might* occur than your child. Issues do not always occur or recur; we also need to teach that we need to get along with others, whether we class them as a friend or not. The teachers are at school to foster learning and social aspects and regularly monitor student interactions indoors and outside. Please be positive and your child will then remain positive.

2025 SCHOOL FEES

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

TRAFFIC SAFETY

The tragic circumstances which occurred at Auburn South PS this week are a stark and terrifying reminder of the need to be alert and careful close to schools. I was deeply upset by this event, as all Principals, staff and parents were, as we take the responsibility for the care and wellbeing of our children so seriously.

I have previously expressed concern regarding the speed at which cars drive down Silk Street, but it is also worrying to see parents walk children across the road when there is a crossing 20m up the street, or to attempt to turn in our small inlets for parking.

PLEASE concentrate in the streets surrounding the school. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE – EVERY DAY COUNTS

Please be aware that MACS has a policy regarding the expected attendance of students. Attendance data is reported to MACS and entered on school reports. As we have meetings to assist with social, behavioural and academic learning needs, we are also expected to meet with parents regarding higher than usual non-attendance. Please do not give in to your child's request to stay home on a day when they are not sick, as this can soon become a regular request, particularly since COVID with parents working from home more often. Reasons for not wanting to come to school can include friendship issues, learning needs or other social difficulties with peers. Please be in contact with your child's teacher and myself if you need support to maintain your child's attendance.

SPORT UPDATE

Basketball Regional Finals

On Tuesday this week, the Boys' basketball team played in the Hooptime Regional Finals. The boys lost the first two games as the opposition was much taller than them. They came back to win in the third game, but it was not enough to move to the State level. Congratulations to the team and to Miss Molloy and Ryleh for their passion in coaching. We are VERY proud of their efforts!

FIRE CARRIERS ASSEMBLY

Yesterday, the current Year Six FIRE Carriers inducted the new 2025 Fire Carriers into their role at a special Assembly with the whole school. This is an important role in continuing a greater understanding of Indigenous culture in our school community.

Congratulations to:

Jonty R, Henry A, James C, Milla P, Poppy D and Chiara C.

DAY FOR DANIEL

Today is our celebration of 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 wearing a touch of red was a visible sign of support.

CLASS MASSES

Please note that the days and dates for Class Masses have been included in the Diary Dates. **1HM has changed due to a clash in the Parish diary.** Teachers will send you an alert approximately three weeks prior to the Mass so you can change work if you would like to attend.

ST MARTIN OF TOURS FEAST DAY

We look forward to celebrating our Feast Day on Monday 11th November with a Mass commencing at 9.15am which parents are welcome to attend. This will be followed in the afternoon by the PFA Colour Fun Run, a Compass event will be sent next week to parents providing further details.

2025 ORIENTATION SESSIONS

The 2025 Prep students visited last Tuesday for a Library session, making the cutest caterpillar headbands after reading the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Yesterday was the first of three Orientation Sessions to prepare the students for starting school. They spent some time in the Prep rooms and mixing with each other. The parents were with me in the GECCO and heard some great messages about Maths from Kellie Cumming, our Maths Leader, as well as getting to know each other.

The second session is on Tuesday 12 Nov and the final session is on Wednesday 20 Nov from 9.30-10.30am.

We are still accepting enrolments across the school.

CLOSURE DAYS

Our Closure Dates for the rest of the year are this **Mon 4 Nov and Mon 2 Dec**.

Please note these on your calendar.

COMING UP

Wednesday 6 November	Prep incursion
Thursday 7 November	Class Mass - 1SI
Monday 11 November	Feast of St Martin of Tours 9.15am Mass PFA Colour Fun Run – refer to upcoming Compass event for details
Friday 15 November	2025 Prep Welcome Dinner in the GECCO

If you are heading away this long weekend, please drive safely. If you are home and spending time with family and friends here, enjoy the break!

See you on Wednesday for a short week!

Angela Lacey

PRINCIPAL

All Saints' and All Souls' Feast Day

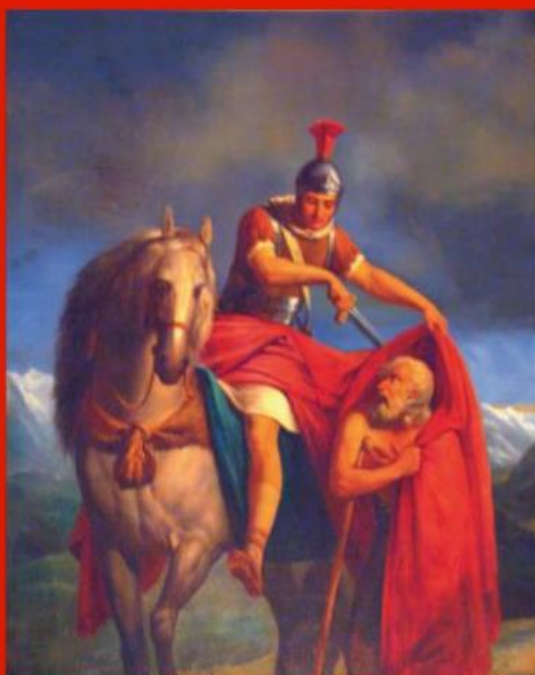
This week we celebrate All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2), which hold deep significance for Catholics as days of remembrance and connection with the faithful departed. All Saints' Day honours all the saints in heaven, known and unknown, celebrating their lives as models of holiness. All Souls' Day is dedicated to praying for all who have passed away, with the belief that prayers help bring souls closer to eternal peace with God. Together, these days reflect the Catholic view of the 'Communion of Saints'.

(Australian Catholics)

St Martin of Tours

FEAST DAY

MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER



PFA Colour Fun Run -Fundraiser

Please click on the image for further information



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

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

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Fun Run, 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!



YEAR FOUR CAMP

On Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October, the Year Four students had their first camp. It was an amazing experience.

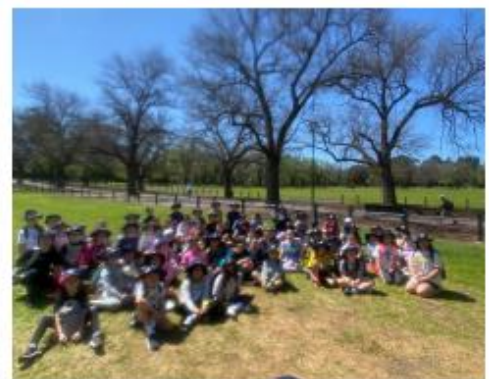
We visited China Town where we learnt all about their culture and history in Melbourne. Then we went to ACMI and saw amazing animations and stop motions. We also visited the National Gallery and Birrarung Marr.

The best part was finding out our cabins. We had a delicious dinner with a filling dessert. We had a trivia night with questions like finish the lyrics and guess the celebrity. To finish the night off we had hot chocolate!

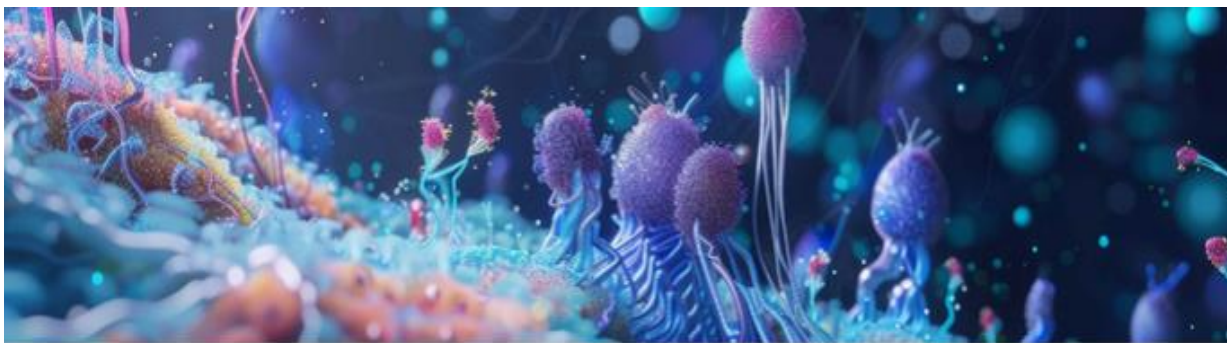
On Wednesday after having breakfast of pancakes with cream we went to the MCG and had a tour, we even got to go into the change rooms!

It was the best camp ever!!

By Madeline and Clara



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INSIGHTS

happy families 

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Brain Chemistry Hacks for Better Learning

It's no secret that [motivation for schoolwork](#) can dwindle as kids get older. Research consistently shows a decline in intrinsic motivation for learning as children progress through school. This happens for a variety of reasons: increased academic pressure, social distractions, hormonal shifts, and a growing sense of autonomy, to name a few.

But the good news is that parents can play a key role in helping their children "hack" their brain chemistry to reignite that spark and foster a love of learning.

The Happiness Quartet: Neurochemicals and Motivation

Our brains are intricate chemical factories, producing a cocktail of neurotransmitters that influence everything from our mood to our motivation. Understanding these chemicals and how they work can empower us to create environments that nurture a child's natural curiosity and love of learning. Let's explore four key players:

Dopamine: The Anticipation Engine

Dopamine is often called the "reward" chemical, but it's not just about the reward itself; it's about the anticipation. Think of the thrill of looking forward to a special event, the excitement of chasing a goal, or the satisfaction of completing a challenging task.

Practical Tip: Help your child break down larger tasks into smaller, more manageable steps. Each completed step triggers a dopamine hit, fuelling motivation and a sense of accomplishment.

Serotonin: The Calm Conductor

Serotonin is the serenity superhero, promoting feelings of calm, contentment, and well-being. It's the antidote to stress and anxiety, which can sabotage learning and motivation.

Practical Tip: Encourage outdoor activities, even a short walk in the park. Sunlight, fresh air, and physical activity are all serotonin boosters. And remember the importance of serotonin for emotional regulation. Help your child develop strategies for managing stress and anxiety, such as deep breathing exercises or mindfulness practices.

Endorphins: The Body's Natural Mood Booster

Endorphins are like nature's own "feel-good" chemicals, released in response to physical activity, laughter, and even a warm hug. They act as natural painkillers, reducing stress and boosting mood.

Stars of the week

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

PBL

Eva for taking initiative to tidy up areas of the classroom so that they are organised for the next person. Keep it up!

Lillian for contributing lots of ideas to class discussions this week. I have really enjoyed hearing all of your knowledge and stories this week to strengthen our learning. Well done!

PGO

Ricardo we are so proud how you have become a brave learner. You are working hard at using spaces in your writing and recording more sounds that you can hear in words. Thankyou for being so wonderful!

PJL

Samuel for showing the school values of resilience and responsibility after returning to school after your injury. Well done on being so brave and independent. Keep being your amazing self!

Mackenzie for being a superstar learner and taking on challenges with a motivated attitude. You are an independent worker and you do your best on everything you do during the school day. Thank you for always working hard, for being helpful and for being a kind class member.

1HM

Leo for trying so hard with your reading in the Teacher Reading Group. You have impressed us with your decoding skills and you have improved your fluency. A great effort Leo, well done!

To **Aria** for showing such confidence in coming to school in the mornings. It has been so wonderful to see your confidence grow and see your friendships blossom in the classroom too. Well done!

1JV

To **Emmy** for being a role model student by using her manners, following expectations and showing kindness to those around her. Well done Emmy!

1SI

Kyle - For consistently displaying an excellent, responsible attitude to all his learning and always working responsibly in group tasks.

Helena, for bringing your bright and positive attitude to school! You've been a wonderful addition to 1SI and have settled in here so well.

2JG

Evie you are star of the week because you are always trying to do your best. Your handwriting and bookwork is fabulous. Your story writing is following the rules of sizzling start, lots of adjectives and interesting to read.

Edison you are Star of the week because you display the SMOT values in your behaviour and work ethic. You are a kind, helpful and caring student. You also always have a smile on your face that is infectious.

2MO

Harriet for always showing the SMOT SMART value of gratitude. You always use your manners and you are appreciative of the help given to you and you help others too. You're a star!

2MO for showing many of the SMOT SMART values while on our excursion to the Royal Botanical Gardens. You demonstrated safety walking to and from the station and the Gardens. You showed respect and were responsible on the train and during our workshop. You are all stars!

2RO

2RO - for your reverent participation and beautiful singing during our class Mass. Well done 2RO! You should be very proud of yourselves.

Senara - for taking responsibility for your learning and always working hard. Well done Senara, keep up your amazing work ethic!

3CJ

3CJ - for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation or a blessing. You were reverent throughout the liturgy. Congratulations!

3KR

Evie for your compassion, thoughtful gestures and willingness to support other students in our class. Your kindness towards others shows in everything you do.

Bodhi for enthusiastically participating in level sport each week. You show great sportsmanship when you play with others. Keep up the great work.

3LA

Mila: for actively contributing to class discussions and showing fantastic attentiveness throughout the week. Keep it up Mila!

Ethan: for reviewing his narrative writing thoroughly when editing and checking his answers carefully during tests! Keep it up Ethan!

4EP

To **Gabriel**, for showing focus when completing your work in the classroom. Its great to see that you are asking clarifying questions when unsure. Keep it up!

To **Mila** for managing your time more effectively in the classroom to complete your learning in the timeframe. Keep it up!

4HV

To **Ethan**, for becoming more confident in answering questions and putting his hand up during learning time. Well done, Ethan! Keep it up!

Congratulations to you, **Josh**, for using your imagination and creativity to craft such an engaging and detailed narrative inspired by our class novel, The Wild Robot. Keep it up!

4JR

To **Tiago** for identifying literary devices from our novel study 'The Wild Robot' and incorporating this use of language into our writing sessions. Well done!

To **Bailey** for his amazing organisational skills and always being ready to begin learning. Your efforts are appreciated! Well done superstar!

5SM

To **Thomas**, for having more of an open mind during reading. It is so lovely to see this. Keep it up!

To **Emilia**, for taking more responsibility in completing Maths homework. I am so proud of you!

5ZW

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

To **Joshua** for always approaching learning tasks with a willingness to do his best and engaging in discussions with thoughtful comments and questions.

6BM

Giuseppe for having a positive attitude towards his work. Keep it up!

Sophie G for being an outstanding goal keeper for the girls team at interschool sport this term.

6RV

William L - For demonstrating great leadership skills and using your initiative. Keep up the great work Will!

Joshua T - For having a positive attitude and persevering with challenging tasks. Keep up the great effort Josh!

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/GtsbOqqyTwk>

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."

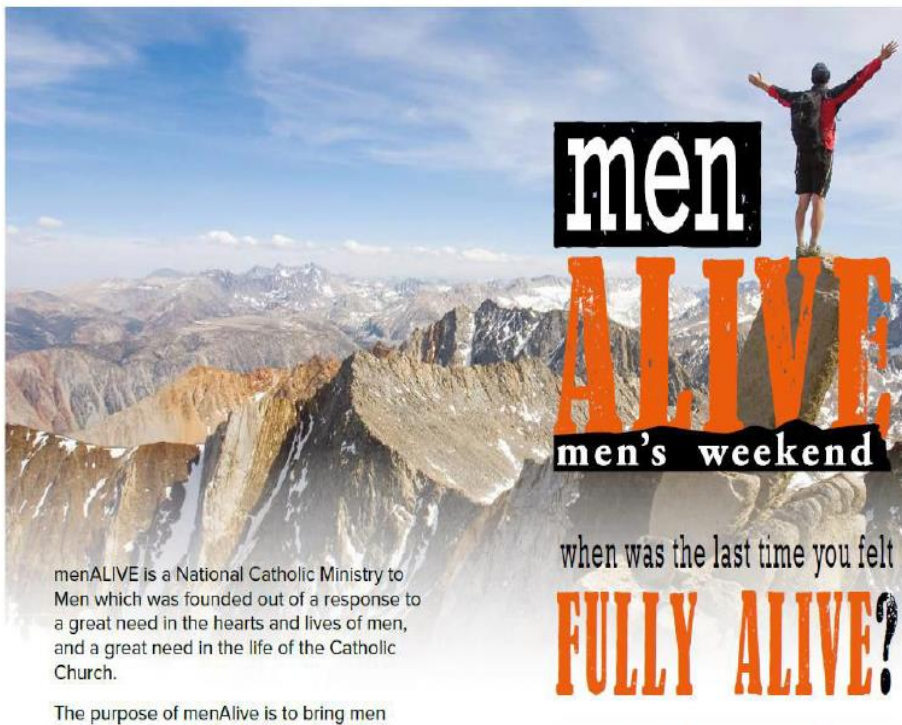
"Offers something practical and down-to-earth that most Catholic guys can relate to."

"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.

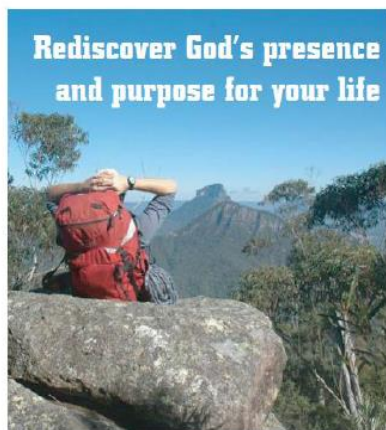
Through a variety of events and programs, men are invited to explore what God would want for their lives and how they might come to experience the fullness of life that God wants for us all.

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
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DONATION POINT TAP TERMINAL IN THE MAIN CHURCH FOYER

The Donation Point Tap Terminal is available for use again, with new features. It is situated in the main foyer of the Church and provides parishioners and visitors who do not carry cash and are not subscribed to our Stewardship Program with a way of donating towards our weekly loose collection. The machine is set to collect a donation of **\$2, \$5, \$10 or \$20** per tap. Simply select the amount you wish to donate and tap your card. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.

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

WISER WOMEN GROUP: Next meeting **Thursday 14th November** at 11am in the Community Centre. All ladies are welcome to join in. The theme will be **Melbourne Cup/ Racing!** The aim of this group is to support each other- to share our stories – to encourage each other – to keep HOPE alive in our hearts and of course to have some fun and laughter. **Contact Leonie (via the office) or Sr. Maria for more details.**

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.**

The Youth of St Martin's are conducting a BBQ after the 10.00am mass for the whole community as we celebrate our– **St Martin of Tours Feast on 10th November 2024.** Come along and have a snag.

CAKE STALL !!! A call up for baked goodies.....

The Youth are holding a Cake Stall in the church foyer on Sunday **10th November after 10 am Mass**. This is a fundraiser and all proceeds from the stall will be donated to St Martin of Tours Church. Please, can we ask for donations of cakes/slices/cookies/biscuits labelled with ingredients. Any donation gratefully received. Items can be dropped off on Saturday 9th after 5.30 pm Mass in foyer or before 10 am Mass on Sunday 10th.

If there are any queries, please be in touch with Ethan Lewis 0432880612 or Sr Maria via the office (03) 94016338

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.

ST MARTIN OF TOURS - PARISH OF MACLEOD



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

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ABN: 21 504 260 106

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

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

PASTORAL TEAM

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Parish Priest

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Elizabeth Jernejcic
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Elizabeth.Jernejcic@cam.org.au

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

SCHOOL

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PARISH GROUPS

Parish Pastoral Council

Marianne Love (Chair)
Ph 9401 6338

Child Safeguarding Committee

Sandra Ryan
Robert Broadbent
Parish Office Team
Julie Lane
Ph 9401 6338

Communion to the Sick

Ph 9401 6338
St Vincent de Paul
Helpline
1800 305 330

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 2ND & 3RD NOVEMBER 2024

EXPLORING THE WORD - 31ST SUNDAY IN OT

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is often in conflict with the leaders or elite of the Jewish people. This text is quite a contrast. This scribe came to Jesus to question him, probably seeking to entrap him in some way. Instead, the scribe sees that Jesus has a clear understanding of what God requires of us. The great commandments to love God and to love your neighbour as yourself summarise all the requirements of the Law of Moses. The scribe rightly sees that it is in the actions of loving God and neighbour in our daily lives that we really respond properly to God's call. This is more important than the legalistic requirements of worship in the temple, with burnt offerings and sacrifices on the altar. Because of his agreement with the vision of Jesus, the scribe is declared to be 'not far from the kingdom of God'.

- * What next step do you think the scribe needs to take to come close to the kingdom of God?
- * In what concrete and observable ways can you put your love of God and neighbour into practice each day?

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 Monday 4th November 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



The memorial book will be available for the month of November to write in the name/s of your loved ones who have passed away.



WISER WOMEN GROUP: Next meeting **Thursday 14th November** at 11am in the Community Centre. All ladies are welcome to join in. The theme will be **Melbourne Cup/ Racing!** The aim of this group is to support each other- to share our stories – to encourage each other – to keep HOPE alive in our hearts and of course to have some fun and laughter. **Contact Leonie (via the office) or Sr. Maria for more details.**

The Youth of St Martin's are conducting a BBQ after the 10.00am mass for the whole community as we celebrate our– **St Martin of Tours Feast on 10th November 2024.** Come along and have a snag.



CAKE STALL !!! A call up for baked goodies.....

The Youth are holding a Cake Stall in the church foyer on Sunday 10th November after 10 am Mass. This is a fundraiser and all proceeds from the stall will be donated to St Martin of Tours Church.

Please, can we ask for donations of cakes/slices/cookies/biscuits labelled with ingredients. Any donation gratefully received.

Items can be dropped off on Saturday 9th after 5.30 pm Mass in foyer or before 10 am Mass on Sunday 10th.

If there are any queries please be in touch with Ethan Lewis 0432880612 or Sr Maria via the office (03) 94016338

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FORTNIGHTLY SCOOP

PFA FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

A big thank you to all our SMOT families who came along for our SMOT Family Fun Day. It was lovely to see so many people attend and have a wonderful afternoon together. We have received a lot of positive feedback and have made note of what worked well and what could be improved for future events. Thank you to M.Don Paul, E.Rivera, C.Ting, T.Zita, K.McCann, K.Gillen, J.Cheesewight, J.Harris, S.Seckin, L.Green, M.Connolly, C.Jenkinsen, A.Lacey, J.Atherton, and all the many staff and volunteers that helped make this day a huge success. Thanks to your support, we raised just over \$3.2K.

Our mango fundraiser has now closed. Orders will be delivered and ready for collection between 2-6 December, with the exact date to be confirmed. We raised a total of \$745. Congratulations to our highest fundraiser - A.Cosgriff. Enjoy your free tray of mangoes!

In under two weeks, we will be having our Colour Fun Run. Consent will soon need to be provided via Compass for students to 1) participate in the run and 2) receive holi coloured powder. In order to raise funds toward the upgrade of the junior sandpit and shade sails and win prizes, students will need to follow the instructions in the booklet to create a new profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au and start fundraising! If we reach our goal of \$10K (school receives 56% of the total funds raised), all students will receive a free zooper dooper upon completion of their run. The highest fundraising CLASS will receive a hot chips treat!

Leaderboard →

1st	PJL
2nd	ZMO
3rd	LJV

2024 Term 4 Events

11 Nov	Colour Run
12 Nov	Zooper Doopers
19 Nov	Zooper Doopers
26 Nov	Zooper Doopers
27 Nov	PFA AGM
2-6 Dec	Mango Delivery
3 Dec	Zooper Doopers
10 Dec	Zooper Doopers

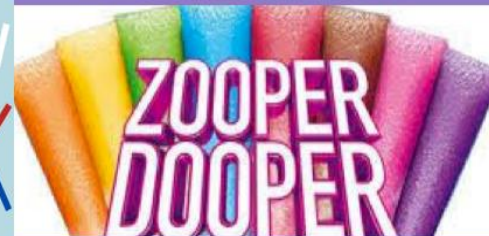
ST MARTIN OF TOURS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
HELP US ACHIEVE OUR
FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR 2024!

OUR GOAL
\$25,000



Thank you for your support!

ENJOY THE WARMER
WEATHER WITH
**ZOOPER DOOPER
TUESDAYS!**



\$2 Zooper Doopers

Second Break Only

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

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

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

**NEW
ARRIVAL**



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



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St Martin of Tours
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Newsletter

October 2024

OSHClub 

What's been happening...

Hi all!

Our OSHC mornings have consisted of plenty of coloring, drawing and designing with our weekly competition theme. Recent themes have been anything Halloweeny, Halloween pumpkin and designing our costume. 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 continued to be silent ball, night at the museum, among us and hide and seek.

This term we have spent plenty of time in the afternoon's outside as it's beginning to warm up, we have continued with our crafts such as making bracelets, water colour painting and Lego building. We have been busy in the kitchen recently making our own pasta as well as banana choc chip muffins, delicious!

During this spooky season we will be busy creating some spooky crafts such as our yarn mummies and string pumpkins. We also made our own spooky snack which consist of apple slices as our mouth and mini marshmallows stuck between the slice's with jam for teeth. Spooky and yummy

We can't wait to show you what's to come!

- SMOT OSHC

What's to come...

NOV

- Pancake making
- Brownies
- Hama beads
- Bracelet making
- Bookmarks
- Puzzles\Design your own neighborhood and sandcastle
- Water colour painting
- Plenty of colouring and drawing opportunities

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

Quality Area 5.2 – I engage with and arrange if texts and gain meaning from these texts. Recently at OSHC we have been using instructions and visual cues to instruct us on to create such fun things such as our snow globe activity and cooking.



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 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 Day for Daniel
Week 5 4 th – 8 th Nov	School Closure Day (Report Writing)	Melbourne Cup Day	Prep Incursion PFA Raffle Begins State Athletics Carnival	1SI Class Mass School Tour Year 5 and year 6 Excursion	
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 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 th – 29 th Nov	5ZW Class Mass	Zooper Dooper Day	PFA AGM PFA Raffle Ends	3CJ Class Mass	

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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	1HM Class Mass	Year 6 Graduation Mass 9.15am Year 1 Incursion
Week 10 9 th – 13 th Dec	Carols Night 5.30pm	Zooper Dooper Day Year 3 Incursion	Year 6 Graduation Celebration 6.30-9.30pm	Thank you Parent Helpers Afternoon Tea (TBC)	End of Year Mass 9.15am Farewell to Year 6 Students (after Mass)
Week 11 16 th – 20 th Dec	Meet your 2025 Teacher	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)



17 NOVEMBER SUNDAY 11 AM TO 4 PM

MALAHANG RESERVE, HEIDELBERG WEST

Join a **free** celebration with the local community. Proudly featuring a culturally diverse program with heaps to see and do for everyone!

Circus play | Live music | Art & craft workshops for all ages | Council displays
Come and try sports | Sensory friendly space | Food trucks

For more information and to view the full event program please visit

banyule.vic.gov.au/MalahangFestival



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Dogs to be kept on lead. This is a no smoking event.



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COME & JOIN THE FUN!

CRICKET BLAST PROGRAM

BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5 - 10 YEARS

WHEN: COMMENCING WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER (8 WEEK PROGRAM)
TIME: 5:30PM – 6:30PM
WHERE: WARRINGAL PARK, 2 BEVERLEY ROAD, HEIDELBERG
COST: \$88 (INCLUDES T-SHIRT, CAP & BBQ AFTER EACH SESSION)

- Learn cricket skills
- Modified games
- Make new friends
- Build confidence
- Pathway to junior club cricket
- No gear required – we provide it all

Enquiries: Shaun Pratt

P: 0407 262 229

E: juniors@heidelbergcricketclub.com



Register here



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



Introducing our guest speaker

Emily Chadbourne

♥ 5 principles for change:
4 nothings & The End ♥

Tuesday 12th November 2024

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

RSVP essential

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

Emily Chadbourne used to find life very hard. She was waiting tables for a living, she was quickly running out of money, she was unlucky in love, and she never felt like she got what she wanted. Until one day it all changed. This is the story of the 5 principles that changed Emily's life. Emily will help you manage the twists and turns of life with humour, style and a little bit of sass. This talk is set to motivate, inspire and delight you and Emily encourages you to come dressed for joy in your happiest, brightest outfit!