

ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 2 of the 2024 academic year and how wonderful it was on Tuesday morning to see students return to school ready to take on new challenges and participate in a myriad of learning experiences.

We welcome Aaryan Sharma (6M), Lucy Mangozho (5B), Vedaang Badal (4G), Aarav Sharma (3G), Glen Mangozho (2M), Mikayla Balanga (1S) and their families who join our school community.

On Monday, all staff members attended a Retreat Day at The Village Well in Aldgate. Led by Sr Jenny Seal (an OLSH sister), the day centred around the theme of 'Heart Spirituality'.

Congratulations to all staff and students involved in our annual Sports Day on the last day of last term, especially Mr Woods who successfully coordinated both the Junior Primary and Primary activities. Well done to the CHEVALIER TEAM who won the Marching Trophy, to the SWEENEY TEAM who won the Best Team Cheers, to the CHEVALIER TEAM who won the Team Spirit Award and to the HARZTER TEAM who won the Champion Team Trophy. Thanks is extended to the Sustainability Committee for organising the BBQ and cooking hundreds of sausages and samosa, and to Nives Grgic for providing drinks and treats throughout the day.

Every term, the school is required to record student attendance which includes lateness to school and early dismissals. What is worth noting is that by the mere nature of arriving late and missing school hours, students receive fewer hours of instruction than students who are in class when the bell rings.

Not only does a student who is consistently arriving late to school establish bad punctuality habits, their tardiness also disrupts the learning of other students in their class. Students who are frequently late to school often miss out on important announcements and academic activities.

Teachers can become frustrated as late students disrupt instruction, often requiring reteaching of what they have missed in a lesson. Arriving late to school can also mean that students miss out on activities designed to build connections with their peers, potentially impacting their social interactions and creating a greater sense of alienation from their classmates.



TERM 2, WEEK 1 2024

This term, **I ask that students arrive before 8.45am each day** to ensure they are in class on time and ready for the day's activities. Punctuality is an important trait to instil in every student as it sets a standard for the future.

Winter uniform is now to be worn and all students need to ensure they are wearing their full winter uniform please. Hats are optional this term but need to be kept at school for days when the UV reading is high.

This term, Independence Days are **Tuesdays and Thursdays** commencing next week. We are grateful for parents and caregivers support as we work together to develop resilience and build independence in our students.

The Parent Network will be hosting our annual **Mother's Day Stall on Friday, May 10th** whereby gifts range from 50c to \$15.00. For new families to the school, this entails students visiting the Community Centre on this Friday and having the opportunity to purchase a special gift for their mother or special person in their life.

On Saturday, May 25th, the school is hosting a 60th Anniversary 60's Night. Commencing at 7pm, there will be the Baker Boys Band providing entertainment throughout the evening, along with a 60's Music Quiz and some games. Please consider coming along to a fun-filled evening and share in celebrating our 60th Anniversary. Tickets are only \$10.00 each and can be purchased via QKR! Or through the front office.

In conclusion, let us remember and honour mothers on Mother's Day on Sunday May 12th. May God's richest blessing be bestowed on all mothers, and I hope every mother is spoilt by their loved ones on this special day.

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight.

Christine Comas
PRINCIPAL



APRIM NEWS



OLSH Pillar Focus - Term 2

This term, our OLSH Pillar focus is Faith Filled, particularly highlighting Catholic Education Week, Mother's Day, National Sorry Day / Reconciliation Week and the Liturgical season of Pentecost. We will also celebrate World Environment Day, Cultural Day and Sacred Heart Feast Day. Throughout the term, we will collect goods for the St Vinnie's Winter Appeal and make soup for Moore Street using our own school garden produce as well as donated vegetables. The Sacramental children will participate in a Retreat Day and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in June.

Catholic Education Week 13 May - 19 May

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated in South Australia from 13-19 May. It is about celebrating the excellent teaching and learning that happens in our Catholic schools across South Australia. In 2024, we have a particular focus on Raising our Hearts and Minds to the wonder and awe of God's creation and using the campaign of #lovemycatholicsschool

Outreach

This term, we support Moore Street Soup Kitchen. Sam McIver (our new School Chaplain) and I will be making soup with the Year 6 students.

On Friday 24 May, our Year 3 unit is organising the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. Non-perishable donations will be collected in class up until this day. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. All students will be invited to wear a beanie or scarf to school on this day. Some examples of donations include canned fish, soups, bags or cans of dried beans and peas, cereals, rice, pasta, barley, quinoa, canned fruits and vegetables, long-life milk, coffee, tea, new socks, beanies, underwear, gloves, blankets and hygiene products.

Ecological Sustainability

Don't forget to package your child's snack, recess and lunch without any wrappers. Use reusable plastic containers or sandwich cloths to package food. Students will be asked to take any packaging home.

Diary Dates – Term 2

Week	Date	Time, Celebration & Hosting Year Level
1	Friday 3 May	9am Liturgy of the Eucharist – May is the Month of Mary Year 4T & 4R hosting
2	Friday 10 May	9am Assembly Reception Unit hosting
3	Friday 17 May	9am Liturgy of the Eucharist Year 1B & 1S hosting
4	Friday 24 May	2:20pm Assembly Student Leaders hosting
5	Friday 31 May	Fallow Week – no Mass, Liturgy or Assembly

Greenacres Walkerville Parish News

Sacramental Program 2023/2024

Confirmation Session 1 - Sunday, 5 May after Mass - 10:30-11:30am - St Martin's Church. Please join us for Mass before the session at 9:30am.

Retreat Day – Thursday 23 May – 9-2:30pm – St Martin's School

Confirmation Rehearsal - Tuesday 4 June - 6pm - St Martin's Church

Confirmation Celebration - Thursday 13 June - 7pm - St Martin's Church or Wednesday 19 June – 7pm – St Monica's Church.

Children's Liturgy at St Monica's and St Martin's Church

Children's Liturgy is a wonderful way for the children to have a better understanding of the Gospel of the day's Liturgy and grow in appreciating the structure and the richness of the first part of the Mass. Children's Liturgy is held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at both Masses.

Next dates for Children's Liturgy are the 4 and 5 May, and 18 and 19 May.

With God's Blessings

Rose Valenti



ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

The annual school Sports Day was held on the last day of last term.

Congratulations to:

Champion Team – **HARTZER**
Team Spirit Winners – **CHEVALIER**
Best Team Cheers – **SWEENEY**
Marching Trophy – **CHEVALIER**

Thank you to all those who were involved in the success of this year's Sports Day.

SAPSASA SWIMMING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to Noah, Tristan, Mae-Lyn, Yicheng, Jack and Jake who were invited to swim at the SAPSASA State Championships in Week 11.

Congratulations to Noah and Tristan who won medals at this event!

SENIOR NETBALL (Years 3-6)

Winter Season Netball Teams have been nominated. The season starts this weekend.

Please check with your coaches for the most up to date details of your games. Alternatively, schedules can be found on the Eastern Districts Netball Association (EDNA) website.

Please remember to arrive at the venue 30 minutes before the scheduled start time. This will ensure you are prepared and ready to start on time. If you cannot make a game, please advise the team's coach in advance.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

The Jump Rope for Heart programme will run this term at St Martin's. Information and registration details will be distributed to all students shortly.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – Friday, May 10.

National Walk Safely to School Day aims to encourage regular exercise and reminds us that there are more ways than just the car to get to school.

Information concerning our school's participation in this national day will be distributed through class groups imminently. Start planning now on how you will get to school (and work) on Friday, May 10.

ON QKR NOW...!

Students intending to attend the following carnivals must register via the QKR app before the due dates.

Timely registration ensures maximum participation for all and that appropriate arrangements can be made in advance.

Year 3-6 Catholic Schools' Lacrosse Carnival (21 May) Due: 4 May

SAPSASA Cross Country Carnival (16 May) Due: 8 May

Year 4-6 SANFL Schools AFL (Terms 2-3) Due: 10 May

Year 3-6 Catholic Schools' Netball Carnival (2 July) Due: 31 May

ST MARTIN'S SPORTS UNIFORMS

All borrowed St Martin's sports uniforms, Swimming Team towels, running singlets, cricket shirts, etc, should be returned to school, washed and clean, as soon as possible after the sports carnival. Garments will be required for future carnivals throughout the year. Washed garments can be returned to 6RK.

MR. GEORGE'S RUNNING CLUB

All enthusiastic runners are invited to attend Mr George's Running Club. This term, Running Club will run from 8:00am-8:30am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please wear PE uniform. This is a great opportunity to practise running for fun or in preparation for the first Cross Country Carnival held early in Term 2.

SAPSASA / SA School Sport District Teams (usually Years 5-6)

Event, nomination and trial details are always advertised to students during PE lessons and details are posted in front of the Year 6 classrooms.

To be selected for SAPSASA District Teams, students must register online with SA School Sport and attend trial dates.

Successful students will be notified of their selection to a District team following trial sessions.

Parents are responsible for their child's transport and participation in SAPSASA District Teams and at State SAPSASA Carnivals.

Term 2 Sports Dates

All Term ***Jump Rope for Heart***

May 10 (Friday) National Walk Safely to School Day

May 16 SAPSASA District Cross Country Carnival – Park 9, 12-2:45pm

May 21 SACPSSA Lacrosse Carnival

July 2 SACPSSA Netball Carnival



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CELEBRATING
70
YEARS



Parent Engagement Event

Tuesday 14 May 2024
6.30pm - 8pm

Mercedes College
Mercy Lecture Theatre
540 Fullarton Road
Springfield

Free Event

Register at
[CESA Registration Centre](#)
or go to the events page at
cspsa.catholic.edu.au

Catholic School Parents South Australia, in collaboration with Mercedes College presents the second Parent Engagement Event for 2024.

Paul Dillon of Drug and Alcohol Research Training Australia (DARTA)

Teens, parties, alcohol and vapes: What do parents need to know?

Adolescence is a challenging time for all concerned, with many parents feeling as though they are not adequately prepared, particularly in areas such as alcohol and other drugs.

Every family is different and there are a range of different circumstances that will dictate how a parent responds to problems that may arise in this area. Having good quality, accurate information is vital.

This session is presented by Paul Dillon of DARTA who continues to work with many school communities to ensure they have access to quality information and best practice drug education.

Spaces will be limited to 120 people in person. Livestreaming will be available on the evening, with the recording available for 48 hours for viewing.



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For further inquiries on the event please contact [Catholic School Parents South Australia](#) or email trish.jarvis@cspsa.catholic.edu.au

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