

ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I wish to inform you that Mrs. Susanne Harding has been appointed Acting Principal at St Monica's Parish School for 4 weeks commencing on Monday, 23 September and concluding on Friday, 1 November. Ms Rose Valenti has been appointed Acting Deputy Principal and Ms Vanessa Dibbens has been appointed Acting APRIM during this time.

On Sunday, 8 September, seven St Martin's students from Year 6 participated in Tournament of Minds (TOM) which is a program for all primary and secondary students providing the opportunity to solve authentic, open-ended challenges that foster creative, divergent thinking whilst developing collaborative enterprise, excellence and teamwork. Our team participated in the Language Literature discipline and performed well on the day. Acknowledgement of their efforts was done at our assembly last Friday, 13 September whereby each student received a special TOM medal.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, teachers will be undertaking 2025 class placements over the coming months. If you would like to write about your child's particular needs or inform the school of additional information, you have until next Monday, 23 September to put in writing via email to Christine Comas (ccomas@smg.catholic.edu.au) any information that you believe should be considered by teachers when placing your child in their new class for next year.

Excitement is brewing amongst our students who are really looking forward to our **Disco Night this Friday evening**. Information about entering and exiting the Community Centre has been sent home – all students ENTER via Whysall Road Gate for drop off and are collected after the Disco via Princes Road Community Centre doors.

Please remember to provide a labelled water bottle for your children to bring on the night.



TERM 3, WEEK 9 2024

On Wednesday, 25 September, we have 11 senior students participating in the Catholic School Music Festival to be held at the Festival Theatre. Our Performing Arts teacher Jasmin Lim has worked diligently in preparing our students for this special evening. I wish our choir students all the very best on the night as they perform as part of a 400 student choir.

Next term, all students are to wear their summer formal uniform. Over the holiday break, please check that your child has the correct items. The Uniform Shop will be open next week on Tuesday morning or Thursday afternoon should you require any items.

Monday, 14 October is a Pupil Free Day for all employees as they will be attending a Professional Learning Day which encompasses formulating a 2025 – 2027 Strategic Plan for the school. Our OSHC facility will be operating on this day should families need the service – please ensure you book your children in to secure a place.

School commences on Tuesday, 15 October and it would be great to see every student come to school before 8.45am each day. Lately, many students are arriving after the 8.45am bell, which means they are not ready for the day and are missing out on the commencement of Lesson 1. **It is important that all students are in class by 8.45am each day so as not to disrupt the class when arriving late.**

Please note students cannot be dropped off at the Kiss and Drop gate unattended BEFORE 8.20am as there is no duty teacher at the gate at this time.

School Independence Days will be Tuesday and Thursday next term commencing on Thursday, 17 October.

Enjoy the Spring weather and have a wonderful two week break with your loved ones.

Christine Comas
Principal

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours during school term:

Tuesday | 8.30am - 10.00am

Thursday | 2.30pm - 4.30pm

The first Saturday of every month during the school term from 9am – 12pm.

APRIM NEWS

Outreach

The Catholic Charities Appeal was founded in 1941 by Archbishop Beovich to help people in our community.



Originally the Appeal was established to support the four orphanages in the Diocese:

- The Orphanage of St Vincent de Paul - founded in 1866 (was transferred to Goodwood in 1888 under the care of the Sisters of Mercy)
- St Joseph's Orphanage Largs Bay - founded in 1903 (under the care of the Sisters of St Joseph)
- The industrial Home for Boys at Brooklyn Park or Boys Town (under the direction of the Brothers of St John the Baptist)
- The Foundling Home for infants in association with the Refuge at Wattle Street, Fullarton - run by the Sisters of St Joseph until 1963 when the Daughters of Charity took over. It became Louise Place (the Refuge was founded by Mother Mary MacKillop in 1868 and moved to Fullarton in 1901).

As social circumstances changed, the large orphanages were closed, and children were cared for in family-type homes. This led to an increase in the number of Catholic welfare agencies providing for the different needs of children and families.

A call for increased giving to the Catholic Diocesan Charities Appeal was made. Archbishop Gleeson was then able to include these other agencies in the Appeal.

Charity is at the heart of Living Catholic. Catholic Charities is the umbrella organisation that supports the following agencies working with the most vulnerable in South Australia.

The agencies supported by Catholic Charities are:

- Hutt St Centre
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- Our Lady of La Vang & St Patrick's Special Schools
- Centacare Catholic Family Services

On Friday, 27 September (last day of term), the Year 1 Unit is organising Crazy Odd Sock Day. All funds raised will go to Catholic Charities.

Please wear school uniform with odd crazy socks (choose from colourful socks, pattern socks or socks with pictures on it) and bring in a gold coin donation.

Greenacres Walkerville Parish News

We will begin the Greenacres Walkerville Parish 2024/2025 Sacramental Preparation Program for children wishing to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist with an Information Session on Sunday, 22 September at 10:30am at St Martin's Church.

Diary Dates - Term 3

Week	Date	Time, Celebration & Hosting Year Level
9	Friday 20 September	9am Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist RT & RP hosting
10	Friday 27 September	Fallow Week

Diary Dates - Term 4

Week	Date	Time, Celebration & Hosting Year Level
1	Friday 18 October	2:15pm Assembly Student Leaders hosting
2	Friday 25 October	2:15pm Assembly Student Leaders hosting

Sustainability

Our next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 October at 3:20pm in the Staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.



With God's Blessings - Rose Valenti



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Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/UKxssNP4z0>

Event: Instrumental Concert

Venue: School Hall

Date/Time: Tuesday 29 OCTOBER, (Term 4, week 3)

6pm (session 1) or 7:15pm (Session 2)

Formal School Uniform

Dear Parents/Guardians of Instrumental students,

- Your child has been invited by his/her Instrumental tutor to **perform a piece of music** at St Martin's Instrumental Concert on **Tuesday 29 October, 6pm (Session 1) or 7:15pm (Session 2)**.
 - Performers must wear the **formal school uniform**, bring their own instrument and books unless it is provided by school)
 - Doors will open at 5:30pm. Please arrive early and be seated for the Concert in plenty of time. Students may sit with their families but **get ready side stage 2 items before they perform** (a Concert program will be supplied on the night). ****Band students will need to be ready on stage at 7pm.**
 - Concert Etiquette** : It is important to give support to all our young performers so please sit through the entire concert (45-60 minutes), set your mobile phones on silent and refrain from walking in or out during the concert.
 - Please register using the **QR CODE** or form below. **Registration closes on Friday 25th October.**
 - Participation certificates will be issued to students after the event.
- Thanks for your support. Yours Sincerely,
Jasmine Lim, Music Coordinator

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY **Friday 25th October**

Attn: Jasmine Lim (Music Coordinator)

Registration for St Martin's Instrumental Concert

Name of Student _____ Class _____

Please tick relevant boxes

- I have read & understood the Instrumental Concert Information YES
- Session choice (*first come first serve*) 6pm I'm in Band 7pm 7:15pm
- My Instrument: Drums Guitar Piano Singing Violin
- Tutor Name is _____



Parent Name: _____ Signature _____ Date: _____

Loving to Learn. Learning to Love.



*St Martin's Parent Network
invites you to an*

INFORMATION SESSION ON GAMING ADDICTION

Presented by Dr Huu Kim Le:
Internet Gaming Disorder Specialist



ST MARTIN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE



THURSDAY
19 September, 2024



TIME:
6:30pm-7:30pm

**REGISTER NOW
VIA**



Students in Years 3-6 welcome but must be seated with their caregivers at all times. Content and delivery NOT suitable for children under the age of 8.

Dr Huu Kim Le

I am based in Adelaide, South Australia, but I see patients from all over the country via my telehealth private practice GD Clinic. I completed my training in Sydney and worked as a consultant psychiatrist for the Women's and Children's Health Network in South Australia for 3 years. In 2016, I received a federal grant to work in and investigate gaming disorder treatment in Singapore.



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