

ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the final term of 2024 which is shaping up to be very busy with some major events scheduled along with various excursions and end of year celebrations.

Below are some important dates for you to record in your diary. In particular, please note that our End of Year Concert is on a THURSDAY night this year. Further details about these events will be sent home closer to the date.

- Instrumental Recital Concert – **Tuesday October 29th (Session 1 at 6pm and Session 2 at 7.15pm)**
- Grandparents Morning – **Friday November 1st from 9 – 11am**
- St Martin's Feast Day – **Monday November 11th Mass at 9am**
- Volunteer's 'thankyou' supper – **Tuesday November 19th from 6 – 8pm**
- Annual School Concert – **Thursday November 28th 6.30pm gates open at 5.30pm**
- Year 6 Graduation Dinner – **Thursday December 5th at 7.00pm**
- Awards Assembly – **Friday December 6th at 1.45pm**
- End of Year Mass / Year 6 Graduation Ceremony – **Wednesday December 11th at 1.00pm**

I am very pleased to inform our school families that there **will not be an increase** in school fees for the 2025 school year. The decision to continue holding school fees is considered an integral part of our 'Making Catholic Education More Affordable' initiative and a response to families' cost-of-living pressures.

It is at the heart of Catholic education that our schools are affordable and accessible to all. Next month, all families will receive information about payment of 2025 School Fees and a copy of the updated School Fees Policy which was approved at the September School Board Meeting.



Congratulations to the Parent Network for hosting the workshop – Video Gaming / Tech Addiction in Primary Aged Children facilitated by Dr Kim Lee. Dr Lee is a psychiatrist who works with children and families specialising in gaming disorder (video gaming addiction). It was a real eye-opener to hear anecdotal accounts of teenagers severely affected by video gaming. Thank you to all parents who attended the workshop which was funded by a 'Parents in Education' Grant.

I also want to thank all parents who assisted in volunteering to help at one or both of our School Discos held at the end of last term. A terrific night was had by all with a special thanks to the DJ who provided great music throughout the night.

Term 4 marks the commencement of wearing summer uniform for all students and is a timely reminder that the wearing of the correct summer uniform is required. The Uniform Shop is open on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons should you require any items this term. Hats need to be worn during break times this term. If your child does not have a hat, please ensure one is purchased over the coming week.

On Friday November 1st, we will be celebrating a Grandparents / Special Friends Day Assembly which is being hosted by the Year 5 Unit. The Parent Network is calling for volunteers to help out with this year's Grandparent's Day/Special Friends Morning Tea. Volunteers are required between 9.00am and 12.00pm to help with heating up hot food, plating up cakes/biscuits and other donated goods, organising coffee/tea/urns and clean-up. If you are a registered volunteer and are interested in helping out on the day, please contact Michelle Khoo – michellekhuu01@gmail.com

We have recently employed a Marketing and Communications Coordinator who will commence on Monday November 4th. Amanda Fryer has over 15 years of experience in marketing and communications roles within Catholic Education SA (currently at St Patrick's technical College) and extensive experience in the advertising and design industries. We look forward to Amanda joining our Admin team.

A reminder that students need to be at school in their classroom by 8.45am please. Those students who arrive after the bell miss out on the opportunity of setting themselves up for the day and being ready to commence the first lesson on time. It is asked that parents and caregivers endeavour to have their children at school before the bells rings each day.

Wishing you a wonderful week

Christine Comas
Principal

APRIM NEWS

Outreach

Crazy Odd Sock Day

On Friday 27th September, the Year 1 Unit organised Crazy Odd Sock Day. Well done to the community raising \$394.00 for Catholic Charities.



SOCKTOBER

The Year 5 Unit has been learning about Catholic Mission as part of the Socktober Challenge 2024. Socktober allows our students to work together for the common good and engage in a fundraiser that will help take action against poverty through the world game of soccer.

In 2023, the impact of Socktober around Australia with the participation of 554 schools included over \$600K raised which supported 153 children's projects for Timor-Leste. The money raise helped to promote nutrition and health programs in schools in Venilale through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic. The program now benefits 4,921 students across 24 schools. Auriel*, a Year 6 student, shares, *"The benefit of the healthy nutrition program is increasing our knowledge about nutritious eating. It teaches us how to prepare healthy meals, make better food choices, and enhances our understanding of nutrition."*

As part of the Catholic Social Teaching, our Year 5 students have been working hard making soccer balls out of recycled materials from plastic bags, rubber bands and natural fabrics from donated socks. The students have learnt about raising awareness and funds for the Caring Centre in Mongolia. The Caring Centre provides a home for Otgonbayar and his friends who have nowhere else to call home.

The Year 5 students will be hosting our fundraising event with a **kick off day on Friday 18th October**. All classes will have the opportunity to play some soccer and kick some goals using the handmade balls made by our Year 5 students. Please make sure to bring in a gold coin donation on this day to support Socktober Challenge 2024.

Greenacres Walkerville Parish News

The Reconciliation school session for students involved will be hosted on Monday 21st October at St Martin's School from 3.15pm to 4.15pm (parents optional). During this session, we will be looking at the Bible story of The Prodigal son and the stages of Reconciliation.



October – The Month of the Holy Rosary

October is traditionally recognised as the Month of the Holy Rosary in the Catholic Church. This devotion emphasises the significance of the Rosary as a prayerful meditation on the life of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary.

The celebration of the Rosary in October is linked to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary which is celebrated on October 7. During this month, Catholics are encouraged to pray the Rosary more frequently. It serves as a means of reflection on the mysteries of faith, including the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous Mysteries.

The Rosary highlights the role of Mary in salvation history and encourages a deeper relationship with her as a mother and intercessor. The Rosary is an ideal opportunity to use as a tool, praying for peace in the world, families, and communities.

The Holy Rosary is held every month on the 3rd Sunday at St Martin's Church. For October, this is on **Sunday 20th at 8.50am.**

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
3	Friday 1 st November	9am Assembly Year 5 hosting
4	Friday 8 th November	-
5	Monday 11th November	9am Mass – St Martin's Feast Day & Remembrance Day Classes 4G & 4 Mi hosting
6	Friday 22 nd November	9am Liturgy of the Eucharist Classes RV & RDL hosting

Sustainability

Cooking with 2P

During Week 10, we had the wonderful opportunity to welcome Marie Stylianou, who came to share her culinary expertise with the students from 2P. The class was buzzing with excitement as Marie guided them through the process of making delicious spinach and ricotta pies.

Marie started by introducing the ingredients and explaining the significance of each one. The students eagerly participated, chopping fresh spinach and mixing it with creamy ricotta cheese, herbs, and spices. They learned valuable cooking techniques, from preparing the pastry to assembling the pies. A heartfelt thank you to Marie for her time, patience, and culinary skills.



Sustainability Meeting

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



With God's Blessings – Vanessa Dibbens



PE Week

Physical Education Week is held in Week 5 of Term 4 every year and;

- is organised by the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER)
- promotes that Health & PE are integral to the learning and development of children and young people, and that all students have a right to receive quality physical education teaching and learning programs
- advocates that being physically active is good for health and that opportunities must be provided to all boys and all girls in Australian schools.

Being physically active is good for health, wellbeing, and creates opportunities for making new friends and developing physical and social skills.

To celebrate PE Week in Week 5...

- All students are permitted to wear their PE uniform every day of PE Week
- Running Club will operate every morning of PE Week
- There will be themed activity days every day of PE Week
- Before school, and playtime activities will be available everyday PE Week.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (Invited Students in Years 3-6)

Year 3-6 students who have been invited to attend this Carnival will be required to register via the QKR App. Invited students not attending must inform Mr Woods so that the team can be reorganised to accommodate non-attendees.

Date: November 4
Time: 8:20am - 4:00pm
Venue: Santos Stadium - Marjorie Jackson Nelson Drive, Mile End

Transport: Students will travel by bus, leaving St Martin's at 8:20am

(every effort will be made to return to school by 4:00pm but this is reliant on afternoon traffic)

Cost: \$25.00
Dress: School sports uniform including hat, school track suit - additionally, students will be issued with a St Martin's Athletics Top

Extras: Packed lunch, filled drink bottle, sunscreen, and any required medication

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TENNIS CARNIVAL (Years 3-4)

Year 3-4 students are invited to register, via the QKR App, to attend this participation-based Carnival.

Date: November 14
Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm
Venue: Playford Tennis Centre - Elizabeth East
Transport: Students will travel by bus, leaving St Martin's at 9:00am
Cost: \$25.00
Dress: School sports uniform including hat, school track suit - additionally, students will be issued with a St Martin's Tennis Top

SUMMER NETBALL (Years 3-5)

St Martin's has one Summer Season Netball Team competing in this year's EDNA Summer Competition. The Summer Season runs during Term 4 and concludes in Term 1 next year. Games are held on Friday evenings and teams train after school on Tuesdays. All players are expected to attend Tuesday after school training and contact their coaches if they are unable to play on Friday evening. Thank you to the enthusiastic groups of coaches, managers, players and parents who have contributed to the ongoing success of our netball teams this year.

MR. GEORGE'S RUNNING CLUB

Running Club was postponed last term but has resumed. Enthusiastic runners are invited to attend Mr George's Running Club which runs from 8:00am-8:20am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and every morning during PE Week (Week 5).

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.

After school Cricket (Reception- Year 2)

After school cricket clinics will run on Thursdays afternoons next term. This programme is run through an external provider. To register, visit: [St Martin's Greenacres - Simply Sports](#)

NEW Ball CRICKET

WHO: St Martin's R-2 students
WHERE: School oval
WHEN: Thursdays 3:15pm - 4:15pm
October 24th to November 28th
COST: \$100
FREE if using \$100 SPORTS VOUCHER
CONTACT
Ph: Adrian 0402 418 580
Email: info@simplysports.com.au
Web: simplysports.com.au/schools/greenacres

Term 4 Sports Dates

Oct 24	New Ball Cricket Sessions start (Reception – Year 2)
Nov 4	Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival (Years 3-6)
Nov 11-15	PE Week (whole school)
Nov 14	Catholic Schools Tennis Carnival (Years 3-4)
Nov 25	Hot Shots State Final (Years 3-4)

Students intending to attend 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.

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.

Registration for trial dates and Carnivals happens externally. SAPSASA District Teams are not mentioned on the QKR App.

To be selected for SAPSASA District Teams, students must be registered 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.

SAPSASA information presently on display by the Year 5 and 6 classes...

- Adelaide Northeast District Girls AFL Team (for the State Carnival in Term 4)
- Adelaide Northeast District Tennis team (for the State Carnival in Term 4)

How to nominate for SAPSASA

1. Parents/Caregivers must nominate their child online.
2. Students who have not nominated online before the trials will not be eligible to attend trials.
3. Complete the online form which can be accessed by using this QR code if using a mobile device or via <https://forms.office.com/r/vvBwPbchaG>



Other Sporting Opportunities.....



Come & Try

New Members Welcome

**St Albans Reserve
Chester Avenue, Clearview**

**Email: ENF@salaa.org.au
<https://enfield.littleleaths.com.au/>**



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A promotional graphic for "Simply Football Kick Start Soccer". It features a blue background with a soccer ball icon. The text includes: "SIMPLY FOOTBALL", "KICK Start SOCCER", "WHO: Boys and Girls aged 2 to 10 years", "WHERE: INDOORS St Martin's GREENACRES", "WHEN: Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00am Term 4 starts October 19th", "CONTACT: Ph: Adrian 0402 418 580 Email: info@simplysports.com.au Web: simplysports.com.au/football". There is a circular inset image of a young boy in a blue soccer jersey kicking a ball. A "SPORTS VOUCHERS" logo is in the bottom right corner.



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: _____

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PRIVATELY PAID INSTRUMENTAL TUITION STUDENTS

If your child is studying with a privately paid instrument tutor at school, he/she is welcome to perform in the Instrumental Concert on **Tuesday, 29 October 2024.**

Session 1: 6pm Juniors
Band 7pm

Session 2: 7:15pm seniors.

please register using the following link
<https://forms.office.com/r/UKxssNP4z0>

REGISTRATIONS CLOSES ON FRIDAY, 25th October.