1 February 2017

OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE HOURS - 8.00am – 3.30pm
SCHOOL HOURS – 8.30am – 2.50pm
FINANCE HOURS – 8.00am – 3.30pm (with the exception of every second Thursday)
UNIFORM SHOP – TUESDAYS 8.15am – 9.15am & THURSDAYS 2.30pm – 3.30pm
TUCKSHOP – WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
BANKING – TUESDAYS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St Martin’s families,

The children seem to be settling into the routines of school after the Christmas break. Our 133 Prep children, 11 new students and 10 new staff members have had a good start to the year and appear to be greatly enjoying the learning activities and being a part of our community so far.

The following set of handy hints to improve learning are from Andrew Fuller’s book “Help Your Child Succeed At School”. These points are designed to help us work together to ensure that we prepare the children for success.

Handy Hints for Improving Learning

- Learning Doesn’t Just Happen At School

Children spend about 15% of their time each year at school. They spend more time asleep (33%) than they do at school. Most of their time (52%) is at home, awake, playing and learning about life and it’s what they do with that time that is important.

Most of their future learning also won’t occur in school. It is estimated that 70% of the jobs in ten years do not exist now. We know that knowledge is doubling every three years. It is estimated that 50 years ago a high school graduate left school knowing about 75% of what they would need to know in their working life – today’s high school graduate will leave knowing about 2%.

- How much Television viewing should I allow my child to watch if I want them to succeed at school.

There is growing evidence to suggest that any TV viewing for children under the age of two impairs their ability to concentrate. As children develop, a small amount of television viewing is positively associated with academic achievement.
A nine year old shouldn’t watch more than one and a half hours per day. A thirteen year old shouldn’t watch more than one hour a day.

- **How much sleep does my child need to succeed at school?**

A good night’s sleep (at least 8 hours) is essential for optimal brain functioning at school. Memory consolidation occurs during sleep especially during dream (or REM) sleep. During the normal 8-9 hours of sleep, five dream (REM) cycles occur. Adolescents getting only 5-6 hours of sleep lose out on the last two REM cycles and thereby reduce the amount of time the brain has to consolidate information.

Teenagers need as much sleep as children, partly because their brains are doing so much development. Always remember there is no such thing as a sleep bank. So just because you slept 10 hours one night doesn’t mean you can get away with only sleeping six hours the next night. Students who don’t get enough sleep have to work much harder to do well at school.

- **Eat a good breakfast**

If your mum or dad ever said have fish or eggs for breakfast because it’s brain food, she was right! As long as it’s medically safe to do so, a breakfast that is high in protein (think cheese, milk, bacon, eggs) and lower in carbohydrates (think cereal, orange juice and toast) promotes concentration and learning.

Also encourage your child to drink lots of water - the brain runs on it! Students who don’t eat breakfast are not only more likely to gain weight, they will also have to work harder than others to do well at school.

- **Help them to build the essential skills for success.**

Three of the skills needed for success at school (and in most areas of life) are concentration, memory and sequencing or getting things in the right order. The games that parents play with their children such as Snap, Uno, Concentration, Battleships, Monopoly, Chess, Jigsaw puzzles all play an incredibly important role in developing these skills of success.

Computer versions of these games are not as effective in helping children develop these skills. To really help your child to succeed at school every so often switch off the TV, unplug the computer and pull out a game.


**Opening Mass**

Our Opening Mass will be held this Friday morning (3 February) in Our Lady of Graces Church at 9.00am. As a Catholic school we gather as a community to celebrate Eucharist and pray for God’s guidance and blessing in the year ahead. Parents are invited to attend. Our Prep students will be attending the first part of the Mass only.

**Welcome drinks for Prep and new families**

On Friday evening (3 February) we look forward to our Welcome Drinks for Prep and new families from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Dominic Centre. This is a great opportunity to meet and mix with other families as they also commence their time at St Martin’s. I thank the members of the P&F Association for the coordination of this event.

**Parent Information Night**

Next Wednesday evening (8 February) Parent Information Sessions will be held for all year levels. The evening will commence at 6:30pm in the Dominic Centre for a whole school gathering for a principal’s address. Two information sessions with class teachers will follow in classrooms from 7:00pm-7:30pm and 7:40pm-8:10pm. The class sessions are repeated for parents with children in more than one year level. NB These sessions provide general class information and are not parent teacher interviews.

**School Newsletter**

Our newsletter will be published each Wednesday this year. The newsletter is produced each week and is a vital component of the channels of communication with parents so I encourage you to spend some time reading our newsletter each week.

**Give away – old TV trolleys**

The school has about a dozen TV trolleys to give away. You may even remember watching the Melbourne Cup or BTN on a TV sitting on top of one of these! The trolleys have a strong steel frame and good casters so would make great storage shelving for your shed. Please contact the office if you would like one. We are hoping to shift them as soon as possible to make room for the Sunday Funday storage space.

Best wishes for the week ahead.  

*Geoff Sullivan*
WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS
This year we welcome a few new faces to the staff of St Martin’s. All of these staff members were inducted into the community throughout the Professional Development Days and all are very excited to be at St Martin’s. We warmly welcome:

- Geoff Sullivan (Principal)
- Chloe Adams (Acting APRE)
- Hannah Freestone (Prep)
- Amelia Duffy (Prep)
- Kelsey Jackson (Year 1)
- Anne-Margaret Shellshear (Year 2)
- Katie Catalano (Year 2)
- Lisa Bloxsom (Year 4)
- Jacinta Kondra (Year 4)
- Enza Camuglia (Italian)

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES (please note changes – No Friday assemblies)
This week we will commence our Assemblies as follows:

**Monday 8:30am** - Whole School Assembly

**Wednesday 8:30am** - Early Years (Prep to Year 2) will be run on the odd number weeks and Years 3-6 will have their assemblies on the even numbered weeks. Please note: Prep students will participate from Week 3.

Our Assemblies provide us with opportunities to gather together in prayer and to celebrate the achievements of our students. This year we will once again be holding all our assemblies in the Dominic Centre. As always, parents are welcome and encouraged to attend where possible.

SCHOOL ABSENTEE LINE 3900 9166 or advise via Parent Portal
At St Martin’s we have a dedicated phone line and recorded message so that you may notify us if your child is absent. You may also choose to inform us via the Parent Portal. If your child will be absent please contact the absentee number listed above by 9am. If you do not advise the school of your child’s absence, there will be an unexplained absence recorded on the role and a SMS message will be sent to you asking you to contact the school to confirm absence.

LATE ARRIVALS / EARLY DEPARTURES
We understand that at times it may be necessary for you to collect your child early or arrive to school late. Please be aware that late arrival means that your child may miss essential instructions given at the beginning of the school day. Children also may feel uncomfortable and embarrassed arriving at the classroom when everyone else is already settled. Please note that late arrivals and early departures must come through the school office. Attendance records will be inaccurate if your late arrival or early departure is not recorded on our system. It is necessary for you to accompany your child to the office to sign them in or out. A slip will be administered at the office to hand to your class teacher as proof that the attendance has been recorded.

EXTENDED ABSENCES
If your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time, please contact their teacher and the office.

CHANGE OF DETAILS
A reminder that if any of your family’s details have changed since the end of last year, please contact and notify the office so our records can be updated, or you may inform us via the Parent Portal. It is very important that we have your current email, as all SMS messages and class email distribution lists are created from the information we have on file.

MEDICATION
If your child may require medication to be administered at school, please supply this medication with either a Medical Action Plan or medical instructions provided by your doctor. (Medical Instruction form can be printed from the Parent Portal.)

If you child has medication kept at the office, please remember to drop it in ASAP.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF ZONE
The school has a designated Drop Off and Pick-Up Zone on Broadway Street. This is the only area where children will be supervised after school. Please ensure that you do not park your car and leave it in this area. Children are to enter and disembark from your car on the footpath side for safety. To ensure this system flows smoothly, quickly and safely, we ask that you do not get out of your car. Your child’s name will be called prior to your car arriving in one of the four collection places.
bays and they will be helped into the car, if needed, by one of the staff on duty. Please have your child’s surname displayed on your visor so that staff can call your child to your car. Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe.

PLAYING AFTER SCHOOL
We have many families who like to catch up after school in the Old Assembly Area. Can we please ask that the children do not play until you see the children who are being escorted to the bus and After School Care, leave the school grounds? This is approx. 3pm. This ensures that we know who is going to these facilities and that other children who should be going to pick up zone or other arranged collection arrangements, are not tempted to stay and play.

MAYFIELD ROAD
Please be aware that when exiting onto Mayfield Road it is a left hand turn only.

TUCKSHOP
Our Tuckshop begins operations this week. Our Tuckshop is open Wednesday – Friday for both morning tea and lunch. Orders are to be placed through Flexischools.

PARKING
As our school continues to grow in size, with now over 745 students, it is important that we consider the safety of the students as they walk into school. Could we please ask that parents do not park in the car parking spaces that have been marked ‘Church’ or the carparks outside the Church as these are used for parishioners attending masses. The staff carpark will be chained off at 8.10am each morning to ensure that there is no movement of traffic in this area, ensuring children are safe when entering the school grounds.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS
Please read the attached for expectations regarding uniform, hair and jewellery.

Parent Portal Launch – New Families
We invite all new parents to sign up to our Parent Portal. The Parent Portal is a secure one stop shop for parents to access information about school events, announcements, forms, policies, Newsletters, school contact details etc.

Attached to this week’s newsletter are instructions as how to log in to the Parent Portal and other ‘how to instructions’. We will be using this Portal extensively and all enquiries and messages will be directed from here.

We strongly recommend you download the BCE Connect App so that all notifications come directly to your smartphone.

MAIN FEATURES
My Details
- Allows a parent to check their own details as held by the school. Parents can confirm the details or request changes.

My Students
- Provides parents with the ability to peruse data related to their child. Parents can view a list of subjects, student’s timetables, attendance, report cards and NAPLAN records.

Announcements
- Emergency messages
- Notification of recently updated information
- Notification of new information
- Reminders

Calendar
- School events
- Public holidays
- Student free days

School Directory
- Staff names and roles
- Staff contact information

Newsletters
- Find your school’s and class newsletter here.
Report Student Absence
- Inform the school of student absence or early departure.

Forms and Documents
- Digital versions of school policies
- Digital versions of school documents
- Storage area for communications in digital form

Update Details
- Each Parent/Guardian may individually confirm or request changes to information the school has stored on them.

Contact Us
- Send a direct communication to the school mailbox.

Class News
- Each class will provide updates of what is happening in their class. This will happen at a minimum of three times a year.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mission and Religious Education at St Martin’s in 2017

Welcome to the 2017 school year! I hope that you have had enjoyed a restful break with your family and friends. The start of a new school year brings about a certain buzz of enthusiasm and anticipation of a new beginning, new journey and new chapter for all who are a part of our St Martin’s community. For me personally, I am excited to step in to the Acting APRE role this semester and I look forward to working with all your children at different times.

As a Catholic Primary school, it is our aim to foster an environment where children build a loving relationship with God. As always, this aim is accounted for in the School Strategic Renewal Plan, which articulates our aspiration that the Catholic religious identity, Dominican charisma and the Catholic faith are deeply embedded in all we do in the St Martin’s school community. So, how are we going to do this, and how will we know if we are experiencing success?

Strategies
- Sustain Catholic identity by continuing to enrich our parish and school partnerships.
- Foster ‘Love in Action’ through community engagement in social justice initiatives.
- Embed a contemporary Catholic perspective in identified learning areas.
- Deliver classroom teaching of religion through effective teaching practice, including the monitoring of student progress and enhancing teacher knowledge of the Catholic story.

Indicators of Success
- Staff, Students and Families have opportunities to be involved in school/parish life.
- The school community participates in social justice initiatives that are reflective of local and wider community need.
- Selected Year levels are planning and implementing A Catholic Perspective on RSE through the Health and PE Curriculum.
- The school Religious Education Program informs the learning and teaching in Religious Education and the Religious Life of the School.

2017: Through Love in Action, we find Joy

We all draw inspiration and energy from so many different things. One thing we share as a community is our Catholic faith, which describes Joy as the infallible sign of the presence of God.

In this spirit, our prayer journey this year invites us to continue to show love in action through all that we do and all that we are. Throughout his ministry Jesus taught about the love of God for us. He knew God to be as close as a parent can be to their child. The Gospel writers understood this relationship with God clearly and deeply enough to be able to say “God is love”. We know, that through showing love in action daily, we are doing the work of God and sharing the joy that is His presence.
As we move into 2017, I know that you join with me in asking God’s blessing on the year ahead at St Martin’s.

An invitation is extended to all members of the St Martin’s community to attend our Opening School Mass on Friday 3rd February at Our Lady of Graces Church commencing at 9am.

We look forward to seeing many in attendance as we share a Eucharistic celebration of the commencement of the 2017 school year.

Chloe Adams

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FROM THE PARISH

Welcome back to school, and for families new to St Martin’s, a special welcome! One of the special privileges of parenthood (and grandparenthood too) is to be present as your child downloads the activity of the school day. Sometimes joyful, sometimes puzzling – you can look forward in coming years to some interesting discussions and questions about lots of topics, including faith.

For parents with children starting school, this can be a time when, if you haven’t been connected to a faith community, you might consider returning. Our Lady of Graces welcomes all St Martin’s families to be part of this community.

If you are new to the community you might not be aware of the child-friendly options of attending Mass which are available to you.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY of the WORD…. what’s that?

At the 9am Mass on the 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month during school term, Carina Parish is fortunate to be able to offer Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

After the opening hymn, the CL minister invites children to come forward, and they move as a group to the parish library for the first half of Mass. Those who remain in the church hear the Word of God in the form of adult readings. In the library the same rituals happen and readings are read, but in language children can better understand. This is followed by discussion and perhaps an activity, always related to the readings of the day.

Children of any age may attend. Parents are of course welcome to attend with their children, and children aged prep and younger are asked to attend with a parent please.

5.30pm CHILDREN’S MASS

On the 3rd Sunday evening of each month, the 5.30pm Mass is a Children’s Mass. Primary school aged children are our readers, collectors, singers and bring up the gifts. Readings of the day are from the Children’s Lectionary, and the homily is preached at a level of understanding for primary schoolers.

If you child would like to take part in ministries please be prepared to come to Mass about half an hour early so that we may help your child become familiar with their ministry. To register your child for a task (ministry) go to schoolinterviews.com.au, enter code Lur6g and follow the prompts.

For information about these or other activities of the parish, feel free to call or email us in the parish office.

Kellie Corbett, Pastoral Associate
sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au 3398 2977

SPORTS NEWS

Welcome Back!

It is great to be back for 2017! I am looking most forward to working with all members of the school community this year. I hope everyone had a very pleasant holiday season and wish everyone the very best for 2017!

Brisbane Bullets

In the first week of the school holidays the Brisbane Bullets invited our Year 4-6 St Martins All-Stars to the Convention Centre to participate in a clinic before the Bullets played Illawarra. The team was invited to welcome the Bullets to the court and then sit courtside for the remainder of the game. It was a fantastic night.
Cross Country Training
Students in Years 3-6 are invited to cross-country training. There will be training twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Training will be around the school grounds and starts at 7.30 am. Training will commence Week 3. Children are to meet in the undercover area. Mrs. Mellon and Mr. O’Leary will be running the training.

Training is open for children in Years 3-6 on Tuesdays and All Ages on Thursdays. Come along, have a go and increase your fitness. There is no better way to start your day than with a run. Parents please ensure children wear comfortable sports clothes (including joggers) and bring a water bottle, a piece of fruit and their school uniform to change into. We will meet in the assembly area (near the Library) at 7:30am sharp. Hope to see many of you there!

Lytton Districts Swimming
Congratulations to our swimmers who have qualified to represent our school at the Lytton Districts Swim Trials at MBC this February 10th 2017. Jack Gordon, Dakota Willmot, Isla Dinnen and Danielle Maguire will represent our school at this event!

Swimming Lessons
Years 3-4 start swimming lessons in Week 3. This year’s swimming program involves two weeks of lessons with children participating in four lessons a week. This will provide great benefits for both stroke development and fitness. Parents please ensure your child has sunscreen, a swim shirt, bathing cap, towel, adequate footwear and goggles for each session. If you have not returned parent permission and medical forms please do so as soon as possible.

Swimming Carnival
Don’t forget to add our first sports carnival of the year to your diary. The Years 3-6 swimming carnival will be held on Friday 10th March from 9:15am-2:15pm (approx. finish) at the Clem Jones Centre, Carina. Our focus for the day will be on fun and participation. There will be more information in the coming weeks.

After School Sports Programs
After school programs on offer this term include Go Sports, Soccer X and AFL Auskick. Letters will be sent home with children who are interested in signing up in the next few weeks. Go Sport’s program will commence Week 2 and offer Cricket and Netball and AFL Auskick starts on Tuesday 14th February and runs for six weeks. Please see Mr Jacobs for required forms.

Soccer X
Day: Wednesday
Time: 3:00pm- 4:00pm
Date: 8 February 2017
Duration: 8 weeks
ST MARTIN'S NAB AFL AUSKICK
Day: Tuesday
Time: 3:00-4:00pm
Dates: 14th February – 21st March
Duration: 6 Weeks

UPCOMING LYTON DISTRICT TRIALS TERM 1

Lytton District Netball
Lytton District Netball trials are open to girls aged 11 or 12 and who play division one for club. These trials are on 2nd March.

Lytton District Swimming
Lytton District Swimming trials are open to girls and boys aged 10, 11 or 12, meet the minimum time requirements and who swim for a club. Please see Mr. Jacobs at the Dominic Centre to discuss and provide times. These trials are on 10th February.

Lytton District AFL
Lytton District AFL trials are open to boys aged 11 or 12 and who play for a club. These trials are on 16th March.

Lytton District Basketball
Lytton District Basketball trials are open to girls and boys aged 11 or 12 and who play for a club. These trials are on 1st March (girls) and 21st February (boys).

Lytton District Soccer
Lytton District Soccer trials are open to boys and girls aged 11 or 12 and who play for a club. These trials are on 21st March.

Lytton District Rugby League
Lytton District Rugby League trials are open to boys aged 11 or 12 and who play club football. These trials are on 14th March.

For nominations and details for all Lytton trials, please see Mr Jacobs ASAP to register your interest. Please refer to below link for more information:
https://bulimbass.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Sports/Pages/Lytton-District-Sport.aspx

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop will operate from Wednesday to Friday each week (3 days) in 2017.
Orders for Tuckshop are to be made via the Flexischools ordering system.

Michelle Lewis (0402 917151)
michelle.lewis@bne.catholic.edu.au
Tuckshop Convenor
3900 9167 (school)

BANKING

The commencement of School Banking will be advised in the near future. Please don’t send banking in until a date has been announced for banking to start this year.

P & F NEWS

Hello Parents,
Welcome to the new school year.
I hope everyone had a great holiday with a chance to relax, recharge and spend time with family friends.

To all our new Prep families, welcome to St Martin’s and we hope that your little ones are settling in. Please feel free to come along to the Prep Parents’ Welcome Drinks this Friday night at 6:30pm in the Dominic Centre. This is a great chance to meet new parents and get involved in the school community.
(See the attached flyer for more details.)

2017 is gearing up to be a very exciting year, especially with our Sunday Funday scheduled for May.

The P&F look forward to seeing you around the school, at events and hopefully at our meetings as well.

Kind regards
The P&F Team

Sunday Funday 2017 – Be part of the FUN
The Sunday Funday planning is well underway with our 5 CENT MADNESS competition starting next Monday, so start collecting your 5c pieces and ask for them when you get your change!
The winning classes will enjoy a pizza party or ice blocks as a reward!

UNIFORM SHOP

2017
TUESDAY 8.15am – 9.15am
THURSDAY 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Michelle Lewis (0402 917151)
michelle.lewis@bne.catholic.edu.au
Uniform Shop Convenor
3900 9127

PLEASE LABEL ALL UNIFORMS, LUNCH BOXES AND DRINK BOTTLES WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME SO THAT IF AN ITEM IS MISPLACED, IT CAN BE RETURNED TO ITS OWNER.
We’re looking for help to run this exciting competition. We need you to help collect, count and tally up the 5c pieces each week of the competition. This will be done Friday mornings. We have 2 positions available. Each position is worth 50 points for PPP. Please contact Emma-Jane as soon as possible.

Join the Sunday Funday Team
We are looking for enthusiastic parents and carers to help make the Sunday Funday the best ever. The following positions still need filling. If you think you can bring some FUN to one of these positions we’d love to hear from you.

* BBQ
* Crazy hair
* Milkshakes
* Side show alley
* Spin & win
* Book store

Please contact Emma-Jane if you’re interested or need more information.
Email: sundayfunday@stmartinscarinapandf.com.au

Like the St Martins Sunday Funday Facebook page to keep up to date with the latest news.
https://www.facebook.com/StMartinsSundayFunday/

UNIFORM SHOP/ TUCKSHOP – 2017
HELP NEEDED!!
Are you able to help out our Uniform Shop in the first school term of 2017? Lots of PPP points on offer!
Term 1 - 2017 (Tuckshop and Uniform shop volunteer rosters now available)
Tuckshop is now offering 3 hour split shifts during the day. PLEASE SEE BELOW LINK AND BOOKING CODE:-- http://www.carebookings.com.au/
BOOKING CODE: - 67QDF

2017 P&F COMMITTEE UPDATE
The 2017 P&F committee members update:-
President – Matt Schultz
Vice President – David di Felice
Secretary – Matthew Bloxsom
Treasurer – Justin Devantier
Flexischools Coordinator – Karen O’Mara
Class Convenor Coordinator – Emma-Jane Harrison
Communications Coordinator – Samantha Thompson
Family Care Coordinators – Jen Foreman and Petrina Brown
Parent Participation Plan Coordinator (PPP) – Liz Smith
School Grants Coordinator – Tiffany Tento
Business Directory Coordinators – Ric Willmot and David di Felice
Sunday Funday Coordinator – Emma-Jane Harrison
Mothers’ Luncheon Coordinator – Rachel James
Dads’ Campout Coordinator – TBA (email the P&F Team if interested please)

NEW P&F EMAIL CONTACT DETAILS BELOW :–
P&F COMMITTEE
- admin@stmartinscarinapandf.com.au

SUNDAY FUNDAY :– (Emma-Jane Harrison) sundayfunday@stmartinscarinapandf.com.au

MOTHERS’ LUNCHEON :– (Rachel James)
mothersluncheon@stmartinscarinapandf.com.au

FAMILY CARE :– (Jen Foreman and Petrina Brown)
familycare@stmartinscarinapandf.com.au

BUSINESS DIRECTORY: : (P&F Team) admin@stmartinscarinapandf.com.au

DADS CAMPOUT: - (P&F Team) admin@stmartinscarinapandf.com.au

P&F FAMILY CARE COORDINATORS
If you are a St Martin’s family who is currently experiencing hardship due to a loss, serious illness or family crisis, please email our “P&F Family Care team”. We care deeply for all St Martin’s families and would like you all to know that we are here for you if a situation arises that causes your family significant stress. We hope St Martin’s families feel that they can email our team when they need help. The co-ordinators (Jen Foreman and Petrina Brown) will take appropriate action depending on each individual situation and offer non-judgemental, confidential support.
The care email address is :-

CLASS CONVENORS
We are still looking for Class Convenors for this year. If you are interested in getting involved in a great way to meet other parents and connect with the community, please email the P&F for more details.
P&F SCHOOL BUSINESS DIRECTORY
Thank you to the businesses that have emailed us in relation to the school directory. We will be in touch soon. If you own a small business, are a current St Martin’s parent and would like to be added to our directory, please email our P&F team on EMAIL: admin@stmartinscarinapandf.com.au

FACEBOOK
Facebook is a fantastic way for the P&F to deliver news and important reminders within our school community. Our P&F facebook link is below. Please ‘like’ our page to keep up to date.
www.facebook.com/stmartinscarinapandf

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.
Our School is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs this term. In the catalogue you will find award-winning books, as well as old and new Thursday favorites. They span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests and are great value (some books cost as little as $1 and $2). Owning your own books is something special!

Issue 1 Book Club catalogues were sent home last week. Bookclub is due back by Thursday 9th February, 3.00pm. Thank you for using – LOOP – Linked Online Ordering and Payment available on www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the LOOP Apple or Android app. Instructions on how to use LOOP are attached.
* Please note, cash order are still accepted at XXXXXXX.
* Please place all cash orders along with payment into the box outside the library.
Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our library and classrooms, however there is never any obligation to order.

You will receive the books you have ordered approximately 2 weeks after the due date above. These will be sent home with your child.

Michelle Wilkinson
Bookclub Co-ordinator
martinsbookclub@hotmail.com

SPEECH AND DRAMA
Speech and Drama Classes    Prep – Year 6
Dominic Centre     Monday afternoons 3pm – 4.15pm.

First lesson was Monday 30th January
For 12 years Let’s Talk Kids Speech and Drama has been running classes at St Martin’s. This is a quality Speech and Drama program run by qualified performing art teachers.
The program runs Monday afternoons. The Prep and Year One children are collected from their classrooms and brought to Drama. This is a great class to build communication skills and develop confidence through the performing arts.
This year is production year and all children involved in the program take part in a St Martin’s show in a theatre in Wynnum with lighting/smoke machine etc. It is an amazing experience. See website for details.
To enrol online www.ltkspeechanddrama.com.au or call 3821 5755.

Melissa Webster
Director
Let’s Talk Speech and Drama
Melissa@ltkspeechanddrama.com.au
www.ltkspeechanddrama.com.au

Samantha Thompson
P&F Communications Coordinator
Email – admin@stmartinscarinapandf.com.au

Matthew Schultz
P&F President
Notice to School Community

Parents and teachers are asked to encourage their children to use the supervised crossing and to set a good example themselves by obeying the School Crossing Supervisor’s directions whenever they use the crossing.

Stop when the STOP sign is displayed
When the School Crossing Supervisor holds up the STOP sign all road users must stop their vehicles, clear of the crossing. Road users must not begin to accelerate until all pedestrians including the School Crossing Supervisor are safely on the footpath on either side of the road. If a vehicle has stopped to give way to the pedestrians at a crossing facility, do not overtake the vehicle while it is stationary. Failure to comply is an offence that will be reported to the Police.

No Stopping Zones
The ‘No Stopping’ zones delineate the School Crossing Supervisor’s workplace and serves to protect an area on either side of a crossing facility. It is important to the safety of pedestrians who use the crossing facility that this road rule is followed. If this is ignored the enforcement agencies will be contacted. The design of a crossing facility is a standard layout described in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices to allow School Crossing Supervisors/pedestrians to have a clear view of approaching vehicles and vice versa.

School Crossing Supervisors have the authority to report any incidents that affect their personal safety and the safety of pedestrians. They will record registration numbers and details of offending vehicles and report them. There are no circumstances where a driver can stop in the crossing zone, drivers delivering or waiting for children are no exception and are not exempt.

Supervised Crossing Procedure
The School Crossing Supervisor will ask all pedestrians, both children and adults, to wait on the footpath. When a suitable gap appears in the traffic from both directions, the supervisor will extend the STOP sign to face the traffic and when it is safe to do so proceed to the centre of the road with the STOP sign displayed. The supervisor will blow two blasts of the whistle to indicate that it is safe for pedestrians to cross. When all pedestrians have cleared the crossing, the School Crossing Supervisor then returns to the footpath. All skateboarders, children wearing roller blades or with scooters will be asked to dismount and walk their ‘wheels’ over the crossing.

*Please assist your School Crossing Supervisors – they are here to protect your children.

School Crossing Supervisors take their role very seriously and appreciate the respect they receive from the school community for the important role they play.

Motorists and pedestrians also have an important role to play by ensuring they follow safe practices in the school environment by adhering to the road rules.

Instrumental Music Lessons

St. Martin’s offers Music Instrument lessons during school hours delivered by Musicorp. If your child is participating in this program and intends to hire an instrument from the school a Hire Agreement (attached) is required to be signed ASAP, as lessons have started this week. Once the agreement is received, Mr Zac Benjamin (Musicorp Teacher) can give your child their instrument.

Please find attached the 2017 St. Martin’s music hire agreement. If your child will be hiring their music instrument through the school please complete the following steps.

1. Complete the boxed section (Insert your name, student’s name, address, email, mobile phone and musical instrument your child will be playing) - we will assign instrument brand and serial no. next year.

2. Insert the Date that you will be signing this agreement.

3. Sign the agreement.

4. Save and/or scan the document and attach it to a reply email to stmartinsmusicgroup@gmail.com ASAP.

If you have problems completing the above task or you have decided not to continue next year please do not hesitate in contacting me via email ASAP.

Instrument hire through the school will continue to be $52.50 for 2017 which is less than the fees charged by MusicCorp. You will continue to pay Musicorp for the tuition component.

Instruments will be allocated on a first in best dressed basis - so get in quick.

Italian Classes

After School Italian Classes at St. Martin’s Semester 1 2017 enrolments are due Friday 3rd of February. Please complete the Italian Language Centre (ILC) enrolment form attached to this newsletter or it may be downloaded from the ILC website - http://www.italianlanguagecentre.org/index.php/our-courses/ah-italian-program

Places can only be secured once ALL four forms plus payment have been received by ILC

Italian language classes, delivered by the ILC teachers commence on 20th February and ends 22nd June.

Lessons are conveniently located at the school on the following days:
PREP to Year 1 – Wednesdays 3.10 -4.30pm
Year 2 to Year 3 – Thursdays 3.10-4.30pm
Year 4 to Year 5 – Thursdays 3.10-4.30pm
Students need to make their own way to the allocated class rooms and the Italian Language Teachers will supervise afternoon tea then commence classes.

For further information and enquiries contact Marzia Mauro on 3262 5755 or email enquiries@italianlanguagecentre.org
All enrolment forms are to be sent to the Italian Language Centre.

Many thanks to the St. Martin’s Leadership and Administration team for supporting this after school hours language program.

Rita D’Amore

SAN SISTO COLLEGE

Year 7 2020 enrolment opportunities are still available.
San Sisto College is conducting interviews in Term 1 for students enrolling for 2020.
If your daughter is currently in Year 4 and you have not yet enrolled her please contact the College for an enrolment pack.

OPEN DAY – Sunday 21 May 1.00pm – 4.00pm

97 Mayfield Road, Carina
Ph. 3900 9800
Email: scarina@bne.catholic.edu.au
www.sansisto.qld.edu.au

LORETO COLLEGE

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2020 (students in Year 4 2017) will close on Friday 3 February 2017.
Offers will be made during Term 1 2017. Applications received after Friday 3 February will be placed on a waiting list. Enrolments for Year 7 2021 are now open.
Loreto College only conducts interviews for students already accepted in to the College and these will be held when students are in Year 6.

Ph: 3394 9999
Email: enrol@loreta.qld.edu.au

FITNESS & MARTIAL ARTS CLUB

“The Australian Fitness & Martial Arts Club is starting now new Kids Karate Beginners Classes for children from 4 years and up (and parents) in Cannon Hill at the School of Arts, 958 Wynnum Rd, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.00 pm – 4.45 pm, Teenagers & Seniors 6.30pm. At Norman Park State School Hall classes are on Saturday mornings from 10.45 am – 11.30 am. We also do Beginners classes in Mount Gravatt. Contact Christine on 0400179960 for more information or visit our website www.afmaclub.com.au

TENNIS

TENNIS AT ST MARTIN’S SCHOOL

Hot Shots Tennis is designed specifically for children aged 4 to 12 years old, uses modified courts, balls and equipment to help learn skills quicker and gain more enjoyment. At Tennis Gear we’re committed to providing Brisbane’s budding stars of tomorrow with a fun, social and safe environment to learn and enjoy tennis.
If you would like your child to learn tennis, please complete an online enrolment form at morningsidedetennis.com.au

COUGARS AFL SIGN ON

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY AFL?
CARINDALE COUGARS SIGN ON WEEKEND
Date: Saturday & Sunday, February 4th & 5th
Time: 10am – 2pm both days
Where: Belmont State School (AFL oval at the Club Shed)
Contact: Nathan (Club Registrar) – 0421 558 989
www.carindale aflq.com.au