FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Friends of St Martin’s,

Our Parent Information Sessions last week were well attended. As I moved around the classrooms I heard many teachers sharing some important messages regarding learning at St Martin’s, such as developing a growth mindset and the importance of reading. As a community, we want children to be engaged with their learning, enjoying their learning and thinking creatively and independently as they do so. I used this information to explain the difference that reading for longer periods of time can make in the life of a child. Please encourage your child to read on a daily basis and build this into daily routines so that reading becomes a wonderful time to bond and explore new stories and ideas. I also shared the ideas of well-known author Jackie French who suggests the secret to teaching kids to read was to find their magic book which will keep children reading, as one in four kids doesn’t like story books. They like non-fiction books. This view is strongly supported by literacy experts like Ryan Spencer from the University of Canberra, “The really key thing is to make sure that the kids are interested in the books they’re reading.”
2017 Student Leaders
This Friday, our Year 6 students will be commissioned as our 2017 Student Leaders of St Martin’s. Our school has an inclusive model of student leadership and all Year 6 students are involved in student leadership at our school. Our Year 6 students have already demonstrated some really impressive leadership skills so far this year. They will be expected to lead the other students by setting a good example through their interactions with others and in their commitment to their learning.

The students will be expected to follow Jesus’ example by showing a:
- a genuine concern for others;
- a willingness to serve others and look after the school;
- a willingness to contribute to making a positive difference in the lives of others.

We look forward to the positive contribution of our school leaders this year and hope that this experience will help these students to grow into compassionate, involved members of the community in years to come.

Road Safety
Please be aware of street signage around the school site as the school zones in our area are being patrolled before and after school by the Queensland Police Service. We ask parents to be considerate of our neighbours and refrain from parking across driveways. Parents utilising Broadway Street pick up zone, please be aware that this is a council regulated 2 minute zone and no parking is permitted in this area.

Parents & Friends’ Association Meeting
Our first P&F Meeting for the year will be held next Tuesday 21 February in the School Library. The P&F Association is a great way to meet others, be involved in the life of the school and contribute to the success of the school in a variety of ways.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Geoff Sullivan

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

“As a Catholic Christian community we educate all to live the gospel of Jesus Christ as successful, creative and confident, active and informed learners empowered to shape and enrich our world.”

-Brisbane Catholic Education

CLASS MASS
All Year 5 students will be attending the 9:00am Mass next Wednesday, 22nd February.

BEFORE SCHOOL MASS
Our first before school mass will take place next Thursday 23rd March at 7:45am and all in our St Martin’s Community are warmly invited. If your child would like a special role in this mass (reading from the Bible or a prayer, taking up the offertory etc.) please email me directly at ctadams@bne.catholic.edu.au.

YEAR SIX LEADERSHIP DAY
This Friday, our Year Six Leaders will take part in their Leadership Day. On this day, there will be a special ceremony in the Church at 10:00am where they are presented with their Senior Leader Badges. They will then take part in other team-building and leadership activities, and engage in discussions with our school leadership team to develop their understanding of what it means to be a leader. I thank the Year Six teachers for all the work they have put in leading up to this day, and I look forward to being a part of this special day with our Senior Students.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY
Ash Wednesday marks the commencement of the Lenten season. The whole St Martin’s Community will take part in an Ash Wednesday Liturgy on Wednesday 1st March at 11:00am. This liturgy will be led by our Year Six Spirit Committee, Year 3M and 3C. All parents and families are welcome to attend.

Chloe Adams
DATE REMINDERS

FEB
Fri 17  10:00am- Year 6 Leadership Ceremony
Tues 21  6.30 – 7.30 – P&F Meeting
Thurs 23  7.45am – Before School Mass
Tues 28  Shrove Tuesday

MAR
Wed 1  Ash Wednesday – 11am Liturgy

FROM THE PARISH

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION – PARENT MEETING

Parents of children yet to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation or Eucharist) are invited to a Parent Meeting at 7pm on the evening of Tuesday 7 March. It is critical that parents of children intending to enrol in 2017 attend. Those enrolling are generally turning 8 in 2017, or older.

In a slight change this year, we welcome and encourage all parents of young baptised Catholic children (regardless of age) to attend. This is a great opportunity for you to understand the recent changes to Brisbane’s Sacramental policy. Don’t hope to pick up the gist at soccer or netball – come and hear the facts from an expert! Sr Kari Hatherell from the Archdiocese of Brisbane will offer useful information to help parents understand and discern what is right for their child and family.

On that evening we will also provide information regarding how we prepare for and celebrate sacraments in Carina for those who choose to enrol for Confirmation in 2017 and First Communion in 2018.

So if you’ve heard things are different with how parishes and families prepare children to celebrate sacraments now, and you want to know more, please come along to this meeting, even if it is some years before your child might enrol.

5.30pm CHILDREN’S MASS is this Sunday evening at 5.30pm Mass. Spaces are left for your child to read, collect or bring up the gifts. You simply need to be available to bring them to the church around 5pm for a little coaching. To take part, go to schoolinterviews.com.au and using code Lur6g, register for the task/ministry of your choice.

For information about these or other activities of the parish, call or email me in the parish office.

Kellie Corbett, Pastoral Associate

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country Training
UPDATE: For those who are participating in the morning cross country it is important that parents walk their child to the meeting area and the teacher in charge is aware that your child has been left at school by the parent.

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. Children are to meet in the undercover area. Mrs. Mellon and Mr. O’Leary will be running the training for 3-6 and Miss McDowall and Miss Kedda will be responsible for coaching the P-2.

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 past February. Jack Gordon, Dakota Willmot, Isla Dinnen and Danielle Maguire competed very well and represented our school very professionally! Danielle made the Lytton Team and we wish her all the very best representing our district at Met East Trials.
Well done!

**Swimming Lessons**
Years 3-4 swimming lessons continue this week - a reminder that the other classes begin next week. 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.

**School Netball Trials for the Lytton Districts Netball**
Thank you to those who requested the forms early and those who have already completed the forms for the Lytton District Netball Trials. This will definitely help expedite the process after we have completed our school netball trials. Please be advised that by completing the forms early this does not guarantee automatic selection. Traditionally we have trials for this event. The netballers were made aware of this.

As of this time we have not received any more information regarding the Lytton District Netball Trials, I spoke with the convenor and this will occur shortly. With this in mind, we are planning to go ahead with our own school trials for this event as we have been inundated with a very strong contingent of netballers this year. Two trials at this stage and if it is deemed too difficult to select we will add an additional trial.

Coach Mutton and I will be running the trials and we will be looking to select four 12 year olds and four 11 years olds and under.

The St Martin’s Trials will be held on Wednesday lunch time and Thursday lunch this week (Week 4). If your child is successful you will receive a letter soon after to assist with your planning to attend the trials. You will not be required to complete additional forms if you have completed and submitted them already.

Please be aware that the Lytton District Trials typically occur during school time.

So you are aware that if you are not successful in representing St Martin’s School at the Lytton Districts you will still be able to trial for the school netball team/s attending the QC Cup and Samsun Cup this year.

Best of luck to all our competitors!

**UPCOMING LYTTON 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
Innovative Technology Sponsorship Opportunity for HPE

On Monday we received our very own drone to be able to be used during our Physical Education program and in many other areas of our school community. Initially Stuart approached our school inquiring as to see if we needed any support for new programs. In Physical Education we are tinkering with technology to see how it can be incorporated into sport and our daily lives. Last year’s trials proved very beneficial to improvement and garnering even more interest in activity. Please find below an example.

Above we have an example of data we reflected on during class time. The sport was AFL and the Learning Intention was focused on ‘decision making’.

This drone has been provided to our school by Stuart Hesketh from Remax, Carina. If you are thinking about selling your property, then please consider talking to Stuart as he has promised his next sponsored item in return for a sale referred through the school will be a telepresence robot.

Imagine a child on vacation visiting the Colosseum in Rome and rather than take a photo and share it during show and tell at a later date, they can take the controls of a telepresence robot in the classroom live and present Rome live to the class.

Imagine a child too sick to come to school for long periods of time and being able to access the classroom from home as a telepresence robot.

We can also look at inviting students from other countries to visit our classroom via this approach.
A few weeks ago I took the controls of a Telepresence Robot in San Francisco. It was quite exciting learning about the bay area, Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz etc. all while actually looking out the window at the bay area. It truly felt like I was there!

That’s me in San Francisco! ...in the mirror.

The fundamental goal of this program is to incorporate technology the right way into our active lives.

Stuart can be contacted on 0412 779 998 or stuarthesketh@remax.com.au. Just mention to Stuart your referral is through St Martin’s School.

CHOIR NEWS 2017

Everyone from Year 2 to Year 6 is welcome to join one of our 3 choirs for 2017. We have many opportunities for performances during the year.
We began groups last week with Rehearsal Times Year 2 Choir Tuesday Lunch time.
Junior Choir Thursday 8.15 – 8.45am
Senior Choir Thursday Lunch time until 1.45pm.
Forms are now available on the Parent Portal.

Imelda Holt
Music Teacher
Benvenuti a tutti!!!

Firstly I would like to introduce myself. My name is Signora Enza Camuglia. However, the children know me as Signora Enza. This year I have been given the wonderful opportunity to join the St. Martin’s community not only as a parent but also as the Year 5 & Year 6 Italian teacher.

I am also the Italian teacher for the Prep to Year 4 after school hours Italian program with the Italian Language Centre. These language classes are held at the school from 3:00pm till 4:20pm. Lessons take place on a Wednesday for Prep/Year 1 and Thursday for Years 2/3/4. There are still many vacancies for children who would like to enrol. If you would like to enrol you can either call Marzia Mauro at the Italian Language Centre on 3262 5755 or visit the ILC website, http://www.italianlanguagecentre.org/index.php/after-school-hours-classes.

I believe that with so many families in our St. Martin’s community coming from various cultural backgrounds it is imperative that children develop an awareness and appreciation of another culture. Here at St. Martin’s we are blessed to have so many families with an Italian heritage and this year I hope to further develop the wonderful Italian culture and language.

Currently I am planning an Italian Carnevale Day. The day will be held on Wednesday 15th March from 8:30am in the Dominic Centre. The day will be a whole school event commencing with a whole school assembly, followed by a Carnevale presentation and parade, singing and dancing. There may even be a chance for some serious spaghetti eating!

Please watch this space for more information about this upcoming day.

Grazie,

Signora Enza

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**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.

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**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)

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**BANKING**

Get involved in the School Banking program.

St Martin’s is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. School Banking Day is **TUESDAY**.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their YouthSaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank YouthSaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. **Online**
   Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a YouthSaver account.
2. In branch
Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on TUESDAY using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

I would like to offer a gigantic thank you to Peta McGrory who has been coordinating school banking at St Martin’s for the last 8 years. With her youngest child moving on next year, it was the perfect time to hand over this role. She has grown school banking at St Martin’s with her tremendous efforts, and we cannot thank her enough.

Elena Power
School Banking Coordinator
0407 764 864

P & F NEWS

Hello Parents,
With only 15 weeks to go make sure to lock in Sunday 28 May for the 2017 St Martin’s Sunday Funday!
Also just a quick reminder to all parents that the Business Directory is closing on the 28th February. If you own a small business and would like to add it to our directory, please email David de Felice at ...
admin@stmartinssundayfunday.com.au

Thanks and have a great week!

LATEST SUNDAY FUNDAY NEWS

5 CENT MADNESS

Congratulations to the Top 5 classes for week 1 of the competition. These are:
1G, 3C, 4G, 2D & 3D.
It’s all in good fun and proceeds from the competition will go towards more rides at this year’s Sunday Funday.

What to do?
• Round up your 5c pieces and bring them until Friday 3 March.
• Make as many 5c donations as you like
• Each class will have a small plastic bucket placed in their classroom.
• Look for 5 CENT MADNESS container in your classroom and put them in.
• Watch your class tally grow!!

The 5c pieces are counted each Friday morning with the next Top 5 announced at assembly on Monday. The competition runs until Friday 3 March so keep looking for those 5 cent pieces and bring them in.

SUNDAY FUNDAY NEEDS YOU AS A NEW RECRUIT
Sunday Funday will be back and bigger than ever in 2017. To make it a fabulous success we need our school community’s support. Being a stall convenor is one way to get involved. Convening a stall is a great way to meet new people, enjoy the fete from a different perspective and earn your 100 PPP points. There are lots of stalls left to fill. Please email Lindy Thornthwaite at sundayfunday@stmartinscarinapandf.com.au to find out how you can help and get involved.

SUNDAY FUNDAY COMMITTEE UPDATE
Event Coordinator – Emma-Jane Harrison
Secretary – Petrina Brown
Public Relations and Marketing – Jane Worrell
Treasurer – Justin Devantier
Corporate Sponsorships – David de Felice and Ric Willmot
Donations Coordinator – Sonya Walker
Set Up / Pull Down Coordinator – Jeff Smith
Food Coordinator – Belinda Goodwin
Stall Coordinator – Lindy Thornwhaite

Team contact details :
sundayfunday@stmartinscarinapandf.com.au

CLASS CONVENORS NEEDED !!
Are you a St Martin’s parent who likes to have FUN ???
Do you like organising group dinners, class events, lunches, making new friends, movie nights and play
dates for the kids? Then you should seriously consider being one of our special St Martin’s class convenors. Link up with a friend if you want to share the experience. You will also earn 100 points towards your PPP (50 points each if the role is shared). If interested, please email Emma-Jane Harrison with your full name, phone number and class details. EMAIL: ejmconsulting@bigpond.com

P&F EMAIL CONTACT DETAILS BELOW

P&F COMMITTEE -
admin@stmartinscarinaripandf.com.au

SUNDAY FUNDAY - (Emma-Jane Harrison)
sundayfunday@stmartinscarinaripandf.com.au

MOTHERS LUNCHEON - (Rachel James)
mothersluncheon@stmartinscarinaripandf.com.au

FAMILY CARE - (Jen Foreman and Petrina Brown)
familycare@stmartinscarinaripandf.com.au

BUSINESS DIRECTORY - (P&F Team)
admin@stmartinscarinaripandf.com.au

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

GRANDPARENT DAY CONVENER – 11th August 2017
Thank you for all your emails in regards to the role. The Grandparents Day Convenor for 2017 is Anna Hussey. Thanks Anna !!!

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:
Email: familycare@stmartinscarinaripandf.com.au

Thank you to the businesses that have already emailed us. We will be in touch soon. If you own a small business, are a current St Martins parent and would like to be added to our directory, please email David De Felice on EMAIL: admin@stmartinscarinaripandf.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/stmartinscarinaripandf

Sunday Funday 2017 – Be part of the FUN
Like the St Martins Sunday Funday Facebook page to keep up to date with the latest news.
https://www.facebook.com/StMartinsSundayFunday/

GIRL GUIDES

Wynola Girl Guides, Meridian Street, Coorparoo invites you to join
Koala Guides (5 & 6 year olds) – Wednesday 4.30 – 6.30pm
Junior Guides (7 – 10 years) – Tuesday 5.00 – 7.00pm
Senior Guides (10 – 15 years) – Friday 6.30 – 8.30pm

For further information please contact:
Elaine
Phone: 0410 253359

Samantha Thompson
P&F Communications Coordinator
Matthew Schultz
P&F President
Email – admin@stmartinscarinaripandf.com.au

P&F SCHOOL BUSINESS DIRECTORY
The St Martin’s Community Business Directory is closing on February 28 and will be uploaded to the school website in March 2017. Could all new and existing parents contact us to have their business details included before this deadline please.