16 February 2016

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 – 8.15am – 9.15am TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
TUCKSHOP – MONDAY - FRIDAY
BANKING – TUESDAYS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Safety our Priority
The ‘drop off pick up’ area on Broadway Street is only as effective as the motorists that use it. I do ask parents to train all students in relation to getting into their car safely and quickly to ensure the steady safe flow of cars occurs. It is a concern that some families are parking in Broadway Street which makes fellow motorists have to go around parked cars in this concentrated part of the day. If you are going to park please select a park away from the school, not in Broadway Street as we need it to be left clear for the students’ safety. The flow usually improves as the year progresses and the Preppies can get themselves and their bags into the car.

Tuckshop Helpers and Menu Review
- We are in desperate need of Tuckshop helpers on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Please contact Michelle or Cheryl, our Tuckshop Convenors, and offer as much assistance as you can. This facility is key to the convenient, smooth running of our school.
- It is timely as we open a new facility that this week the school leadership is meeting with an independent company to review and offer suggestions in relation to our Tuckshop Menu. I will inform you of the outcomes.

Parent-Teacher Night
Thank you to the teaching staff for your planning, and parents, for your attendance last Wednesday night. The willingness to establish positive partnerships was obvious and will result in a wonderful educational year for the children enrolled at St. Martin’s. As the school song says “I belong to St. Martin’s. That’s my school!”

A failure to plan is a plan to fail!
As you would have heard from the teachers last week we have a very organised plan for the children entrusted to us. The school Action Plan has been attached to last week’s and this week’s newsletter so that the community can gain an understanding of our priorities for this year. A large copy is also produced for the office foyer to remind our community and show our visitors.

Communication Policy
Positive partnerships come from clear, timely and direct communication. We ask parents who need to communicate with the school on a behavioural or procedural issue, to contact the class teacher in the first instance. Leadership will assist with support in a timely way. The earlier and more direct path for action is to seek understanding from the class teacher.
**2017 Prep Enrolments**
If you have a second, third or fourth child due to start Prep next year and as yet haven’t completed an Application for Enrolment form for them could you please contact Lauren O’Brien (3900 9101) in the School Office ASAP as we are trying to ascertain our numbers in Prep for 2017.

This does not mean you don’t have to complete the Application for Enrolment form which can be found on the School Website (www.stmartinscarina.qld.edu.au) and is required to be lodged by 31 March 2016.

Please also note there is an Open Morning on Friday, 18 March at 9:00 in the Dominic Centre.

*Mick Kelleher*

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**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Project Compassion: ‘Learning More, Creating Change’**
At yesterday’s assembly, our classes brought forward their Project Compassion money boxes with the total from all boxes raising $264. As we watched the individual donations come together as a school collection, it was a great visual reminder to our students that it only takes a little to make a big difference. The first week of Project Compassion has provided a great start as we work towards our goal of $570 which will support the training of health centre staff who can share knowledge about childhood nutrition with local communities and improve overall health. This highlights our Lenten focus on giving so that others may receive, as the generosity of our community enables individuals within the world’s poorest communities to have the resources needed to learn to use their strengths to create lasting change.

**Lenten Moments of Mercy**
You may consider accessing the link below for Lenten reflections that are a great way of gaining a new appreciation of the journey to Easter. The resource contains a daily reflection based on Scripture, inspiring words of Pope Francis and Lenten actions and prayers:
[http://www2.loyolapress.com/lmom-index](http://www2.loyolapress.com/lmom-index)

**Ash Wednesday Liturgy Thanks**
Last week, we commenced the season of Lent with students from the Year 6 Spirit Committee leading our school community in an Ash Wednesday Liturgy. It was wonderful to witness all in the community become engaged in the prayerfulness and solemnity of the occasion. Thanks to the many parents, grandparents and parishioners who joined us for the liturgy and who were a welcomed presence by the children and staff.

*Veronica Tomerini-Smith*

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**DATE REMINDERS**

**FEB**
- Fri 19 10.00 – Year 6 Liturgy
- Sun 21 5.30pm – Primary School Ministered Mass
- Mon 22 Swimming commences for Years 5-6, 4D, 4G

**MARCH**
- Fri 4 9.15am Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival
- Sat 5 8.00am – Working Bee
- Tues 8 Parent Engagement Evening: Cyber Safety
- 9-14 Book Fair
- Fri 18 Term 1 Disco

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**Sacramental Program – Confirmation 2016**
A new Sacramental Policy was released in the Brisbane Archdiocese in 2015. *This policy affects the order and timing of sacraments parents may be familiar with.*

Parents enrolling their children for sacraments in Carina parish can expect:
- in the year children turn 8 (Year 3) they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in [Confirmation](#);
- in the year when children turn 9 (Year 4) they are welcomed to the Lord’s Table and receive [Holy Communion](#) for the first time;
- in the year when children turn 10 (Year 5) they are prepared to celebrate more fully the Sacrament of [Reconciliation](#).

To find out more, parents of children in Year 3 (or above) who have not yet received any Sacrament other than Baptism, believe their children are ready to complete their initiation are advised to attend our Parent Discernment Meeting at 7pm on [Thursday 3rd March](#) in the church.

Parents with questions about their children receiving sacraments are always welcome to contact the parish office. Consider also
the excellent local resources (including FAQs) available online at flameoffaith.org.au.

Kellie Corbett, Pastoral Associate
sc.carina@bigpond.com  3398 2977

LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE

Welcome back to 2016!

Weekly Class Borrowing
Monday  PD, 1G
Tuesday PR, PM, 1C, 1M, 3M, 3R, 4M
Wednesday 1D, 3G, 4C, 4G, 5G, 5D, 5M
Thursday PC, 1R, 2C, 2G, 2M, 4D
Friday PG, 2D, 3C, 3D, 6D, 6G

2016 Scholastic Book Fair: MONSTER BOOK FAIR

2016 Book Fair will be held from Wednesday 9 March to Monday 14 March. This event is held every consecutive year and alternates with the St Martin’s Sunday Fun-day celebrations.

- MONSTER BOOK FAIR will be held in the Dominic Centre
- Information letter sent home few weeks before Book Fair
- Proceeds go to St Martin’s and a portion donated to a disadvantaged school in the Diocese (percentage amounts still to be decided)
- Payment by Credit Card or Cash
- 2 options for visiting and purchasing:
  - Classes visit during their weekly borrowing times
  - Parents & students visit during the following times

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We are also looking for volunteers to help out with the Book Fair. This will contribute to your PPP points. If you are interested please log on to Care Booking and book a time. Thank you to those who can assist.

Care Booking website carebookings.com.au
Care bookings code is 67QDF

Madonna Johnston
Teacher-Librarian

“Books are Lighthouses in the sea of time” E.P. Whipple

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country Training
Congratulations to all those who participated during the first week of XC training. Students in Years 3-6 are still invited to cross-country training. There will be training twice a week, on Wednesdays and Fridays. Training will be around the school grounds and starts at 7.45 am. Children are to meet in the undercover assembly area. Mrs. Mellon, Miss McDowall and Mr. O’Leary will be running the training. Years 1-2 will be invited to participate on Friday mornings.

We suggest that the children wear old clothes to school to run in and change when finished. We also recommend that they bring a water bottle and a piece of fruit for when they have finished. All students are to meet at the assembly area at 7:40am.

Swimming Lessons
Years 3-4 finish swimming lessons at the end of this week and Years 5-6, 4G & 4D will 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 4th 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.

Lytton District Swimming
These trials were on Friday 12th February. Congratulations to our St. Martin’s representatives Jorja Bloxsom, Jack Gordon, Danielle Maguire and Haley Willington who all registered PB’s at the event. What a way to handle the pressure! Go St. Martin’s!
UPCOMING LYTON DISTRICT TRIALS TERM 1

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 February.

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 7th March (girls) and 23rd 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 8th 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 2nd March.

Lytton District Hockey
Lytton District Hockey trials are open to girls aged 11 or 12 and who play for a club. These trials are on 17th 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

Nathan Jacobs
HPE Teacher

TUCKSHOP

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Tuckshop is urgently looking for Volunteers to help ‘man’ the Tuckshop Monday to Friday. Even if you can only spare a few hours all Volunteers would be greatly received. This can be part of your PPP so go on-line and sign up now. For further information please contact one of the Convenors on the numbers listed below.
Many thanks.

Tuckshop operates from Monday to Friday each week (5 days). Orders for Tuckshop are to be made via the Flexischools ordering system.

Michelle Lewis (0402 917151)
michelle.lewis@bne.catholic.edu.au
Cheryl Mathieson (0422 034688)
camathieson@bne.catholic.edu.au

Tuckshop Co-Convenors
3900 9167 (school)

UNIFORM SHOP

2016
TUESDAY 8.15am – 9.15am
THURSDAY 8.15am – 9.15am

Uniform Roster
Thurs 18/02: Carol Cran, Jahna Boog, Tanya Reid
Tues 23/02: Antonia Tomadon,

Kym Fisher
Uniform Shop Convenor
3900 9100
kym.fisher@bne.catholic.edu.au

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.

WINTER STOCK SALE

FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

V-NECK JUMPERS - $20.00
ZIPPERED JUMPERS - $26.00
TRACK PANTS - $20.00

SALE ENDS MARCH 3

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**BANKING**

**2016 Outback Savers Rewards**

Banking starts back on Tuesday 09th February 2016. New reward items are available for 2016 along with some old favourites from 2015.

Starter packs will be distributed to the lower years over the coming week so keep an eye out in your satchels. For those who can’t wait just pop into your nearest Commonwealth Bank with ID for both yourself and your child (eg. A birth certificate) and open a Youth Saver account. Banking will be done every Tuesday so place the deposit book and money into the Banking satchel in your classroom and let us do the rest. Every 10 electronic tokens enables you to order a reward.

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Note that the Fundraising Levy is different from the PPP Levy (also $160). The PPP (“Parent Participation Program”) Levy is payable if a family has not earned 100 PPP points (via the School Interviews and Carebookings systems), in which case $160 will be added to Term 4 invoices.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Friday March 4 - Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6) and Golden Goggles parent event
Saturday March 5 - Term 1 Working Bee
Tuesday March 8 - Parent Engagement Evening: Cyber Safety
Friday March 18 - Term 1 Disco (National Day Against Bullying)

P&F FACEBOOK PAGE
Don’t forget to check out our P&F Facebook page.
Just search the page name ..........St Martin’s Carina P&F
We welcome all parents and friends to ‘like’ this page. We will be posting reminders and school event information to this page on a regular basis.

Samantha Thompson
P & F Communications Coordinator
Matt Schultz
President – P&F committee
Email – stmartinscarinapandf@gmail.com

LOST AND FOUND
❖ a pair of glasses with YOU’S on the case
❖ a pair of reading glasses in a pen-like case
❖ a watch with a black and red band
❖ a small gold ear-ring with a little heart on it
❖ a BP velocity card
❖ a special $2 coin

If you think any of these items belongs to you please see me in the office.

Bev Procopis

ST LAURENCE’S COLLEGE

OPEN DAY
4pm to 7pm - Thursday 3 March 2016

Enjoy an evening at St Laurence’s College where every student has the opportunity and is encouraged to participate in many academic, cultural, musical, social, spiritual, service learning and sporting aspects of the college. These activities provide for the personal growth of the students by developing individual skill, teamwork, leadership, mateship, understanding and self-discipline in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment.

Year 7-2018 Entry
Application packs for Year 7-2018 entry have now been posted and closing date is Friday 19 February, with interviews to be held from Monday 7 March until Friday 18 March 2016. Parents are to contact College Registrar for an application pack on 3010 1104.