8 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

As we begin Week Three, our school is busily re-establishing routines and connections. Our Prep children and our new students have had a positive start to the year and appear to be really enjoying the learning activities so far. Thank you to all staff and parents for enabling a very smooth start to the 2017 school year. All children seem very settled, enthusiastic and ready to learn.

Last Friday we gathered for our first Mass of the year. During Mass, Fr Maurice reminded the students of the need to do their best at school and to show kindness and compassion to others. He summed this up beautifully by explaining that when we are being generous and kind to others that we make God visible in the world. Our aim at St Martin’s is to give students a love of learning, a desire to do their best and experiences that allow them to know Jesus and love and serve Him in the people they meet. Special thanks to Fr Maurice for presiding at Mass and Miss Adams (APRE) for planning and coordinating this special celebration.

Last Friday evening a welcome event for Prep and new families was hosted by our P&F Association. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet and connect with other members of the school community. I am really grateful for the important work the P&F do in building a strong sense of community here at St Martin’s.

Tonight we look forward to seeing you at our parent information sessions when we will share important information regarding 2017 school plans, routines, expectations and learning activities. The first session (Principal’s Address) is at 6:30pm in the Dominic Centre followed by sessions presented by class teachers in classrooms commencing at 7:00pm & 7:40pm.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Geoff Sullivan
Volunteering at School

Dear Parents,

We value and encourage parents helping out in our school. Whether it be in the classroom, library, tuckshop, excursions or sporting events, our greatest aim is to keep our children safe. To do this we ensure that all of our staff are fully trained in Student Protection issues and Code of Conduct. This then means that we need to have all adults who come into contact with our students to be fully informed of their roles and responsibilities when working with our student in our school. We would love to have as many helpers in our school as possible. So to ensure that everyone is trained adequately, Brisbane Catholic Education has designed an on-line training module for all volunteers to complete. This replaces the paper version that was available on our website and Parent Portal. Before volunteering to help out at school, please ensure you have completed this training.

Please find the link below and a picture of what the page looks like on the BCE Webpage. If you have already completed the paper version of this training, you do not need to do it again.


School Routines

As we enter into the third week of the school year, it is timely to remind parents of some procedures we have in place to ensure duty of care for our students. This year we will continue to use the ‘Drop and Stay’ and ‘Drop and Go’ areas before school in the Early Years. These routines will also be mentioned at the Parent Information Evening.

‘Drop and Stay’

Parents who wish to sit and wait with their children are asked to do so, on the seats located in the afternoon ‘pick up’ area. We ask that parents sit with their children in this area. A reminder - the fixed play equipment is not to be used at this time.

‘Drop and Go’

The ‘Drop and Go’ area is supervised by a teacher from 8:10am each morning and parents are asked to leave their children in this area under the supervision of the teacher on duty. Students in Prep to Year 2 wait in the Early Years Eating Area and the students in Years 3 to 6 wait in the Old Assembly Area. We ask that parents do not wait in the Early Years Eating Area with their child, as this causes congestion. If you wish to wait, please wait to the side on the grassed area or above near the toilets.

1 to 1 Student Laptop Program

Last week our Year 5 students were issued their laptops as part of our 1 to 1 Student Laptop Program. The Year 5 students participated in a ‘Laptop Boot Camp’ where they learnt about a range of expectations and guidelines associated with the program, along with some key web based organisational procedures and tools. They worked with their class teachers and Miss Adams before taking the laptops home for the first time with their parents. I look forward to sharing news of the
Laptop Program with the community throughout the year, especially after the success we have experienced with this way of teaching and learning over the last few years.

**Nut Aware School**

**Purpose:**

- to provide a safe environment for all members of St Martin’s Primary School community;
- to raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies.

Parents and caregivers are requested NOT to send food to school with their child that contains nuts (especially peanuts). This includes peanut paste products, peanut / satay sauce, nut biscuits, Nutella / chocolate spread, crushed nuts on cakes / buns, baklava or other nut pastries, nuts in salads, muesli bars, nougat, any other product with nuts as a usual ingredient as well as foods containing nuts.

**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Opening School Mass – Thank You**

Last Friday at our St Martin’s Opening School Mass, the school and Parish communities joined together in hope, in prayer and in joy, to look to the 2017 school year ahead. We thank Fr Maurice for leading our Eucharistic celebration and for his enthusiastic approach that helps to bring the Eucharist alive for all in our school, particularly our children. It was wonderful to see so many of our parents and parishioners joining us for mass and we look forward to having you join us for many more liturgical celebrations this year.

**Class Masses**

Classes at St Martin’s are fortunate to have the opportunity to attend 9:00am Parish Mass at Our Lady of Grace’s Church. At these Masses, students are often involved in the readings, Prayers of Intercession and in taking up the offertory. Next week, the following St Martin’s Classes are attending 9:00am Parish Mass.

**Tuesday 14th February: 4G**

**2017 Before School and St Martin’s Ministered Masses**

This year, we will continue the tradition of Before School and St Martin’s ministered Sunday masses. These masses provide an opportunity for students from St Martin’s to participate in the ministry roles and are held at Our Lady of Graces Church. This term, the following Masses are scheduled:

- Thursday 23rd February at 7:45am – Before School Mass
- Sunday 19th March at 5:30pm – St Martin’s Ministered Mass

At these masses, the children are invited to read the readings and the Prayers of Intercession, participate in the offertory procession and join in the singing. These masses provide an opportunity for our community to join together and celebrate the Eucharist. Importantly, within the community of St Martin’s, opportunities for participation in these masses enhances the rich prayer life that exists between family, school and parish which is a valued relationship within our faith community.

An invitation is extended to all students and families to attend these masses. Each of the masses will be advertised in the newsletter closer to each date along with an invitation to email me should your child like a role in the mass.

Have a wonderful week!

**Chloe Adams**

**DATE REMINDERS**

**FEB**
- Wed 8 6.30pm – Parent Teacher Info evening
- Fri 17 10:00am- Year 6 Leadership Ceremony
- Thurs 23 7.45am – Before School Mass
FROM THE PARISH

This is the time of year when parents start to think about enrolling their children in the Sacramental program. If your child is 8 or older, keep an eye out in this newsletter and our parish newsletter for more information on that very soon.

Whether you are parenting a youngster in Prep, an older child considering Sacraments, or one who has already celebrated them, all of us who baptised our children were asked to take on a role training our children in the faith. That training can take many forms. Don’t underestimate the value of incidental conversations - conversations around topics discussed at school today or events occurring within the daily life of your family.

Great conversations evolve when Mum & Dad recall in love their child’s Baptism. Better yet, stroll down memory lane and tell them about your First Communion or Confirmation.

Other conversation starters come from chatting about the experience of celebrating with your community of faith. Our Lady of Graces is your local community of faith.

If coming to weekend Mass is a challenge because kids are looking for things to do, consider attending when your kid can take part in ministry. They can do this at our monthly Kid’s Mass. Read on............

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 Lub6g and follow the prompts.

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

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

SPORTS NEWS

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 started swimming lessons this 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.

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 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

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**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 begin groups this 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

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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)
Hello Parents,

Our 2017 Prep Parents and all new families were all invited along for welcome drinks and nibbles in the Dominic Centre last Friday night. We had such a great time and what a wonderful bunch of people! Thanks so much for coming along. It was so lovely to meet you all. Well it is week 3 already and we are fast approaching the biggest event of the year - Sunday Funday!! Emma – Jane Harrison and her team are doing an incredible job planning the event and it looks like we are all in for a treat.

The 5 cent drive is currently in progress (see details below) so please make sure you look around your home for as many 5 cent pieces that you can find to send in with your child. The class that raises the most money wins a PIZZA PARTY for their class!! All the money that is raised in the drive goes towards paying for extra rides at Sunday Funday. Every coin helps.

Kind regards,

The P&F team

5 CENT MADNESS IS HERE
From Monday 6 February to Friday 3 March the Sunday Funday Committee is running a school class competition! Students are asked to bring in 5c pieces and watch their class tally grow. A letter containing all the details are attached with this week’s newsletter.
Each class has a small container. Just look for the 5 CENT MADNESS label.

At assembly this week the students were excited to hear that proceeds from the 5 Cent Madness competition will go towards more rides!
Classes are in the running to win one of 3 class prizes. There is a pizza party for the class with the highest tally or ice blocks for each child in the class up for grabs.
A special thank you to Babu Narayanan from Pizza Capers at Cannon Hill for donating the first prize!
So round up those 5 cent pieces and bring them in any day of the week between now and Friday 3 March.
Thanks for being part of the FUN.

STALL CONVENORS TO JOIN SUNDAY FUNDAY – 28th May 2017
We are calling on enthusiastic parents and carers to help run stalls for the 2017 Sunday Funday. Stall convenors help manage and set up the stalls so they run successfully on the day. It’s a fun way to contribute to the school community and earn 100 PPP points as well.
You will still have plenty of time to enjoy the Sunday Funday with your family as many volunteers will help throughout the day.
Please contact Emma-Jane if you’re interested or need more information. Email: sundayfunday@stmartinscarinapandf.com.au

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 Convener 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 – Matt Schultz, Matt Bloxsom and David Di Felice

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@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)
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GRANDPARENT DAY CONVENOR – 11th August 2017
We are looking for a Grandparents’ Day Convenor. Please email the P&F team if you are interested on :- admin@stmartinscarinapandf.com.au

P&B 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&B 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@stmartinscarinapandf.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 please contact us to have their business details included before this deadline. 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@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

**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/

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