Outcomes in Relation to Where and When to Enrol after St Martin’s

Over 40 families attended the meeting held recently in the Dominic Centre to discuss the scenario of where and when to enrol our children after St. Martin’s. Iona and St. Laurence’s were represented and we also contacted Villanova College. Specifically, I ask parents of Year 4 boys and other students not in years six and seven who are intending to move, to inform the school as soon as possible so we can confirm staffing and classroom needs.

One of the outcomes from the meeting held here at St Martin’s was the qualified written guarantee from Ian McDonald, Principal of St Laurence’s, that Catholic students from St Martin’s can remain here and then begin secondary education at Year 7. This letter is attached and I stress again that I need to know as early as possible, in writing, whether students are staying on at St Martin’s. This information is vital for planning purposes.
Preparatory Interviews

This week we are meeting many families as we interview those who have applied for Prep 2015 at St. Martin’s. This process is guided by the St. Martin’s Enrolment Policy and is administered by members of the Leadership Team. Many thanks goes to the wonderful administrative support staff at St. Martin’s who assist with this enormous task.

Mick Kelleher

A WORD FROM FATHER TOM

Last week I had a very pleasant conversation at St Martin’s with some of the RE staff for Years 4 – 7. We spoke about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I was saying that I don’t think we put enough emphasis on the fact that Reconciliation is a sacrament and therefore a celebration. The main emphasis is not on sin, but on forgiveness which, according to the gospels, Jesus delights in giving us. So, just as we have some refreshments sometimes after Mass and stand around chatting, it would be great to do the same thing, at least sometimes, after we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

On Sunday, May 18, at the 5.30pm Mass at Our Lady of Graces we will have a Narrated Mass. This means that a few times during the Mass we will pause and I will say a few words about each main part of the Mass. It’s so easy to forget what we believe is actually happening at each stage of the Mass. So this will be an attempt to revive our awareness that Jesus is actually the principal celebrant at every Mass. We are there as his invited guests to listen to Him in the Readings and receive Him into our lives in Holy Communion. We are not spectators at Mass. We are there as Jesus’ sisters and brothers, celebrating and sharing in His act of worshipping God the Father, which we do in the power of the Holy Spirit which he has given to us.

During this Mass two little children will be baptised and afterwards we are all invited to a barbecue in the church grounds. So it would be great if you were there with all your family. It will be a bit longer that our usual Mass, but not too long.

Fr Tom Cassidy

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION

Mothers’ Day Stall – Friday 9th May

The annual Mothers’ Day stall will be held this Friday 9th May. The children can buy as many gifts as they like - all for just $5 each. Each class will be allocated a time slot during the day to visit the stall and choose their gifts. Thank you for supporting the stall and we hope it makes Mothers’ Day even more special for St Martin’s Mums. A special thank-you goes to the Mothers’ Day Stall Co-Convenor, Karen Marsden, for her work in coordinating the day!

Staff Professional Learning

Throughout the year, our teachers will be involved in various professional learning activities. Some of these activities are attended after hours and others require our teachers to be out of the classroom for part days or for the entire school day. Some special projects require teachers to be out of the classroom for multiple days, some activities over consecutive days and others spaced out over weeks. These opportunities are essential for our teachers to be involved in and form an important part of our school’s professional learning plan to enhance teaching and learning.

Coordinating relief teachers for such activities in such a big school is given significant priority, time and resources. We aim to provide consistency with the relief teachers we place in classrooms, especially when engaging relief teachers for the same class multiple times. Unfortunately this is not always possible due to the complexity and nature of relief teaching. One thing I can guarantee is the extent our teachers go to in regards to planning for these days when they will be out of the classroom. Detailed plans and notes are always left for the relief teachers and neighbouring teachers are always willing to guide the relief staff on these days.

NAPLAN

Next week students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will partake in the annual NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May. Where possible, we will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. For further information please see the attachment with this week’s newsletter.

It is timely also to remember that the results of this testing provides only one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process and does not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

District Cross Country Carnival

Best wishes to the St Martin’s Cross Country Team for this Wednesday’s District Trials which will be held at Villanova Park, Tingalpa. The students have been training hard in recent times in preparation for the event. A special thank-you goes to Mrs McGuigan, Miss Leffers, Mrs Bodley and Mrs Mellon for training the students before school during the Cross Country season.

Happy Mothers’ Day to all the Mums in our school community!

Mike Armstrong
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

School Morning Mass (Thursday 8th May 7.45am – 8.15am)

This Thursday is the first of our before school masses, offered for students, families and staff. You are all invited to attend mass at 7.45am in Our Lady of Graces Church. Children can either be accompanied by a family member or go along with staff as they see the staff walking over to church. This is a great opportunity for our community to gather in prayer to start the day.

St Vincent De Paul Soup Appeal

We need your help!

The local St Vinnies at Our Lady of Graces provides emergency food to at least 50 families and individuals in the local area each month. To provide this service we are entirely dependent on donations both financial and goods from Our Lady of Graces Community. This winter as part of our emergency food service we are needing the help of each student at St Martin’s to bring in at least one can of soup during Week 5 (19/5 – 23/5). This soup will be part of a food parcel provided to those in need. One can of soup can make a difference to temporary relief of hunger that exists in our Community.

Thank you St Martin’s for your continual support of your local St Vinnies.

St Martin’s Respect Awards Recognised by the Famous

A couple of weeks ago Mitchell Thompson, in Year 1M, received a ‘Respect Award’. This award mentioned his love for animals. The news of Mitchell’s passion for animals reached the owners of Australia Zoo. Terri and Robert Irwin asked to meet their fellow animal lover, Mitchell. In this photo you can see Terri and Robert looking at the certificate that had been presented to Mitchell at our St Martin’s Early Years assembly. I think it is lovely for the children to know that the virtue of respect that we teach and value here at St Martin’s is also valued in other parts of our society. Congratulations Mitchell!

You show respect and special care to all of God’s creatures. You know that every animal deserves to be in their safe habitat and even help Miss Kedda when we get some uninvited insect guests in the classroom. The creatures of this world are happier because of you Mitch! Thank you!

Kylie Anderson
DATE REMINDERS

**MAY**

5-9

2015 Prep Enrolment Interviews

**Tues 6**

6.30pm - Music Committee Meeting

**Wed 7**

District Cross Country

**Thurs 8**

7.45am – School Mass

**Fri 9**

8.45am – Class Convenors’ Meeting

Mothers’ Day Stall

**Sun 11**

Mothers’ Day

**13-15**

NAPLAN Testing

**Tues 13**

6.00pm – School Board Meeting

7.00pm – P&F Meeting

**Sat 17**

8.00am – Working Bee

Wynnum Manly Eisteddfod

Year 7 into Secondary Parent Forum

– St James Parish Hall

**Sat 24**

Mothers’ Luncheon

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FROM THE PARISH

If you’d like more detail on any parish activities, check out our website at [www.carinacatholicparish.org.au](http://www.carinacatholicparish.org.au) or contact me by phone or email.

*Kellie Corbett*

[sc.carina@bigpond.com](mailto:sc.carina@bigpond.com) 3398 2977.

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LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE

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**CBCA Year 6 & 7 Readers Cup Competition**

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent St Martin’s at the annual CBCA Year 6 & 7 Readers Cup Competition:

- Alexandra Green 7D
- Liana Davies 6D
- Brianna Hoffman 6D
- Caitlin Kearney 6D
- Ruby Tilley 6M

Our team of five students will travel to Algester State School on Thursday 12th June to compete with other schools in the Southside Region. Last year saw over 30 schools participate and the competition was an opportunity for participants to share their love of reading and to move on to the regional finals in September. The team is responsible for reading the following six titles and then answering timed questions on each book:

1. **Burnt Stick** Anthony Hill
2. **Fire** Jackie French
3. **Northwood** Brian Falkner

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CHILDREN LEAVING AT THE END OF 2014

Please fill out the form below for any child including years 6 & 7 who may be leaving St Martin’s at the end of this year, 2014, and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you.

This information is vital to enable us to plan staffing and classes for 2015.

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**ATTENDANCE 2015**

**MY CHILD** .................................................................

**IN CLASS** .................................................................

**WILL NOT** BE ATTENDING ST MARTIN’S IN 2015.

**SCHOOL ATTENDING IN 2015** (This information is also required.) .................................................................

**PARENT’S/GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE** .................................................................
ENGLISH & MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

This year’s University of NSW English and Mathematics Competitions will be held here at school on the dates listed below. Entries must be in by the time and date shown. **No late entries will be accepted.**

If you wish your child/children to enter, please fill out the slip below (one for each child) and return it to the school office by Friday 20th June. The cost of $8.80 per child for each competition entry will be added to your Term 3 school fees.

This competition is for Years 3 to 7 and will take place during the lunch break.

**ENGLISH:** closing date – Friday 20th June. Competition will take place on Tuesday 29th July.

**MATHEMATICS:** closing date – Friday 20th June. Competition will take place on Tuesday 12th August.

Julie Kenny
Competition Coordinator

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS ENGLISH COMPETITION

I would like ____________________________
in Year ________ to participate in the 2014 Australian Schools English Competition.

Parent’s Signature ____________________________________________

Date ______________________________

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

I would like ____________________________
in Year _________ to participate in the 2014 Australian Schools Mathematics Competition.

Parent’s Signature ____________________________________________

Date ______________________________

WHAT’S ON IN SPORT

District Cross Country Carnival
This Wednesday 7th May, our Cross Country Team will be representing St Martin’s at the District Trials which will be held at Villanova Park, Tingalpa. The team has been training hard over the last two weeks in preparation for the event and were presented with their running singlets on assembly today. We wish the following children all the best for their race: Josh Finnegar (4D), Ronan Wright (4C), Adam Finnegar (4G), Jack Hoffman (4M), Italia Rees (5D), Ella Siebel (5M), Abbey Mulholland (4D), Amelie Muir (5D), Sarah Ellis (5D), Georgia Heffernan (5D), Jessica Di Pino (6D), Ella Lyons (6D), Jaime Taylor (6M) and Demi Wade (7M). Good luck!

Interschool Sport
Last Friday, unfortunately due to rainy weather, Years 5-7 interschool sport was cancelled. Hopefully the weather is a little kinder this Friday so the program can commence. The program is held every Friday afternoon (12:30pm - 2:50pm) from Week 2 to Week 8 (Friday 2nd May - Friday 13th June). Interschool sport provides the children with an excellent opportunity to participate and work as part of a sporting team and interact and compete against other schools in the district. Children participate in one of the following sports: Netball, European Handball, AFL and Soccer.

Term 2 After School Programs
There are several after school programs on offer this term. Brisbane Roar will be offering their one day soccer program on Tuesday 6th May and will be open to students in Prep-7. Auskick will start on Wednesday 7th May and will run until Wednesday June 25th. Go Sports will also be offering soccer coaching for Prep-Year 4 and netball coaching for Years 2-5 on Thursdays. More information will be provided to class teachers.

Year 5-7 PE Lessons
For the first four weeks of Term 2, the Years 5-7 will be undertaking an AFL sports education program as part of their PE lessons. During lessons, students will be taught by development officers from AFL QLD. This provides students with a great opportunity to develop skills in leadership, teamwork and strategizing as well as skills such as kicking and hand passing. I’m sure it will be a rewarding experience for the students.

Athletics Training
At the end of Term 2 we will have our school athletics carnival for Years 1-7. Please mark in your diaries Friday 27th June for the big day! Starting in Week 6, Mrs Mellon and I will be running a four week athletics training program before school. More information about athletics training will be available in the coming weeks.

Liz McGuigan
HPE Teacher
TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Tuckshop operates on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Tuckshop Roster for Wednesdays and Fridays

Wed 07/05: Maria Spina, Lisa Forsyth, Peta Kleidon, Caroline Romano
Fri 09/05: Karen O’Mara, Selena Stam-Hooiveld, Carla Reynolds, Karen Shiels

Cheryl Mathieson
Tuckshop Convenor
3900 9100 (school)
3390 4453 (home)

UNIFORM SHOP

2013
TUESDAY 8.15am – 9.15am
FRIDAY 8.15am – 9.15am

Uniform Roster

Tues 06/05: Rebel McLeod, Kelly Felix, Carina Halsall
Fri 09/05: Sheena Lewis, Belinda McAuliffe, Nicole Miller

THE UNIFORM SHOP IS FULLY STOCKED WITH WINTER UNIFORMS - V-NECK JUMPERS, ZIPPERED JUMPERS AND TRACK PANTS.
ALL WINTER UNIFORMS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE UNIFORM SHOP OR ORDERED ONLINE THROUGH FLEXISCHOOLS.

ALL flexischools ORDERS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH THE STUDENT LISTED ON THE ORDER FORM.

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

BANKING

Banking Roster

Tues 06/05: Angela Crisafi, Kim Buswell

School Banking Day Reminder

Don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking Day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.
For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool electronic Dollarmites token. Once students have accrued ten deposits they will receive an order form to redeem an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.
Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at St Martins.

Don’t forget School Banking day is Tuesday.

Peta McGrory
0421 993 244

BOOK CLUB

Don’t forget Book Club closes on Thursday 8 May at 3.00pm. All orders are to be taken to the Library Resource Centre.
Thank you.

Louise Taylor
Book Club Coordinator
Ph: 0433 839633

P & F NEWS

Mothers’ Day Stall - Friday 9th May
The annual Mothers’ Day stall will be held this Friday 9th May. It involves children bringing along their money on the day for all of the presents that they want to buy for Mum, Nana, Grandma, Grannie, Aunty and even the neighbours!! Kids can buy as many gifts as they like all for a low price of $5 each.
Each class is allocated a time slot during the day to visit the stall and choose their gifts.
If you are a PPP volunteer and haven’t heard from me, please contact me asap.
Thanks so much for your support.

Stall Co-ordinator
Karen Marsden
0435 080 569
**St Martin's Mothers' Luncheon Update – Last Week to Buy Tickets**

Have you secured your seat yet? Be sure to get in quickly as tickets are selling fast for this fantastic function. Tickets can be purchased only via Flexischools for $75 and there will be NO ticket sales after Friday 9th May (4.50pm) so be sure not to miss out.

This is not a cocktail function (standing only). Tickets are sold on an individual basis and you can choose on the day where you will sit and next to whom you’d like, with a three course meal to be served.

We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of many families within the St Martins community who have contacted us in regards to donations of goods / vouchers that can be used as raffle prizes on the day but please, if you are able to contribute in any way we would love to hear from you and remember that funds raised will help two families within our St Martin’s family who are fighting cancer.

We are pleased to announce that Myer will be showcasing some of their wonderful garments at the luncheon and if you are in need of the perfect outfit for the day, Myer offer a free Personal Shopper which will help with a selection of beautiful outfits that will suit your body type and budget. Give Myer Carindale a call today to organise an appointment. Many thanks go to Tania Reid (new prep Mum) for all her help to arrange this with her employer, Myer.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Celeste Norris: 0420 459218 or nathandceleste@tpg.com.au
Melissa Amede : 0466 229715 or amede@optusnet.com.au

**Student Sausage Sizzle - Monday 2nd June**

We will be hosting our second sausage sizzle for 2014 on Monday 2 June, to help raise funds for the school. The sausage sizzle will be held for all children at the first break. If your child requires a gluten free meal, please indicate when you place your order.

All orders are required by Thursday, 29 May, at 4.50pm and must be placed online via Flexischools. Payment via Flexischools will be available early in May.

On the day of the sausage sizzle your child will be given a slip with all their details by their class teacher. For further information contact Juliet Portas on 0419 782 173 or email jsportas@hotmail.com

Please see the school website - School Communications page - for the full calendar of P&F events for 2014.

*Nicky Savage
P&F President*

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**St Martin’s Mothers’ Luncheon 24th May, Cloudland**

Tickets close this FRIDAY 9th May at 4.50pm. NO further tickets will be sold after this time.

Don’t miss out on your chance to be part of this wonderful day which will be raising much needed funds for families in our school community dealing with cancer. Please come along to support them.

Celeste Norris: nathandceleste@tpg.com.au 0420 459218
Melissa Amede: amede@optusnet.com.au 0466 229715

**2014/2015 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

**Great Mothers’ Day Gift Idea!**

The ‘Entertainment Book’ is jammed packed with discounted movie and theatre tickets, sporting events, cafes and bistros, restaurants, hotels and resorts and of course 5% off Woolworths and Coles groceries, petrol and alcohol and much, much more! What a great gift for Mum on Mother’s Day.

To make things easy for you, when ordering, tick the box where it says to pick up from San Sisto Office but where it says child’s name, put your child’s name and their class (eg Lisa PD or John 3M). That way, I know you are a St Martin’s family and can have the book delivered to your child’s classroom.

To pay securely online visit www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/220k031

Thanks and Happy Mothers’ Day!

_Jacinta Igoe (Prep D)_

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

The Term 2 meeting for the St Martin’s Music Group was to be held on Tuesday 29th April. It has been rescheduled for the following Tuesday, 6th May, at 6.30pm in the Music Room at the rear of the Dominic Centre. We are still looking for new members to take over existing committee roles for next year.

Also, for those families who have hired instruments from the St Martin’s Music Group, Term 1 hire fees are now due. Invoices were sent home in the second last week of Term 1. If you did not receive an invoice or it has gone astray could you please contact Vicki as soon as possible. Invoices for Term 2 hire fees will be sent out earlier than usual this term with payment due early in June.

Thank you.

_Vicki Jansen (Treasurer, St Martins Music Group) vickijansen@gmail.com_

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**ST MARTIN’S MOTHERS’ LUNCHEON**

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Date Claimer
Year 7 into Secondary Parent Forum
22 May 2014
All Welcome

What do you know about this?
Do you have questions?
Come along and let us know your ideas and concerns

Venue: Parish Hall
St James Parish—Coorparoo
165 Old Cleveland Road
Coorparoo

Time: 5.30pm Light refreshments
6.00 — 7.30pm Forum

RSVP: Friday 16 May 2014
info@pandf.org.au

Parking: Kirkland Street & surrounds

Representatives from various Brisbane Catholic Secondary Schools and Brisbane Catholic Education will be on hand to answer all your questions

There is no charge for this event