23 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

Lent – Thinking of and Doing for Others
The first week of Project Compassion drew more than $200 of donations almost half way to our target of $570 which will provide two days training for health centre staff to share their knowledge about childhood nutrition with local communities in Cambodia. A wonderful response from our families and a project which encourages the students to think about and give to others.

Gaming Grant Success + Parents’ and Friends’ Assistance = Netball/Tennis Court
Last week we received the wonderful news that the Parents’ and Friends’ application for $30,000 towards a multi-purpose Court was successful. On Friday members of the P&F and myself met with David from Ziebell-Jones who won the tender process. Work will commence shortly on this court which will be situated parallel to the Great Wall of Respect near the shed. This is for the benefit of the children and the community of St. Martin’s. Well done to all involved but particularly Lauren Van Gool and Deb Pratt. Wonderful facilities are an improvement for our community!

Visible Learning
Our Visible Learning goal for 2016 is to create a common language of learning at St Martin’s so that students are able to articulate what they are learning and how they are going with their learning.

Each fortnight teachers will focus on one of our seven ‘Qualities of Successful Learners’ - Collaborate, Persist, Wonder, Reflect, Communicate, Connect and Create. This week we are introducing Collaborate. Our emphasis is on how we can work in teams to achieve a common goal.

Teachers will also be using Learning Intentions and Success Criteria so that students are aware of their progress towards learning goals and are able to confidently answer our 5 Key Learner Questions - What are you learning? How are you going with that learning? How do you know? How can you improve? What are the next steps in your learning? What do you do when you get stuck?

Finally teachers will be administering Literacy Monitoring Tools as a means to gather data that will provide feedback about student learning and the impact of their teaching. This includes a writing task in Years 3-6 and Concepts about Print, Letter Sound Knowledge and PM Benchmark for Prep-Year 2.
Julie Kenny, our Learning Leader, will journey and support the teachers as we aim for student centred learning that is supported through monitoring, review and response and structured feedback.

**New Tuckshop receives a Menu Review**

One of the goals for this year was to initiate a review of our current Tuckshop menu and operations. I can report that we have signed up an independent nutritionist, Kate de Primo, who will examine our menu, compare it to a similar size and character school, meet with the co-convenors and leadership offering advice on possible changes. Watch this space!!

Mick Kelleher

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION

**Cyber Safety Information Guest Speaker – Tuesday 8th March 7.00-8.30pm Dominic Centre**

Please mark this date in your calendar! All families are welcome to attend our first Parent Engagement Information session where our guest speaker, Martine Oglethorpe, from 'The Modern Parent', will present on keeping our children cyber safe. The students from Years 4-6 and all teaching staff, will also listen to a presentation on this important issue. [http://themodernparent.net](http://themodernparent.net)

Martine is a speaker, writer and parent educator, passionate about helping parents and students face the challenges of the modern world. Her professional work as a secondary teacher with a Masters in Counselling, coupled with the personal experience of raising five children, has given her great insight in to what it means to be both a parent and a child growing up in a digital world. With a focus on understanding and perspective, Martine’s talks are relevant, engaging and informative. Realistic and proven strategies help families safely and smartly incorporate technology in to their daily lives to minimise the risks whilst maximising the many benefits of technology and the online world.

**Parents of Primary Schools**

- How are children using the technology?
- What apps are children using? Are they safe?
- Coping with inappropriate content
- Your child loves video games? How to keep it under control
- Avoiding tech tantrums
- Privacy, predators and reputation
- Why parents are the key to safe and smart digital kids
- How to enforce boundaries, limits & keep the balance
- Strategies to teach children the skills they need to make the best decisions online

**Student Workshops**

- Privacy & Passwords
- Strangers online
- A public world
- Being kind / Cyberbullying / upstanding
- Digital footprint
- Keeping a balance, technology as just one element of learning and play
The Importance of Team

Throughout the school year, teachers are offered or source out, professional learning opportunities, in order to be both lifelong learners and up to date in educational practices. Last Tuesday, our staff were involved in a twilight session of professional learning. The evening was split into two sections. One learning about the administration of Literacy Monitoring Tools, mentioned by Mr Kelleher in his section, and the other about the importance of team. We are a large school. Within this school, we have lots of teams working together to provide the best educational practices and care for our students. The professional learning provided opportunities for teachers to explore ‘what makes a good team’ and then develop a Year Level Team Covenant that will guide them in their professional interactions and pedagogical approaches this year. Our aim is to have consistency of approach among our teams, and this night was an opportunity to explore this.

Kylie Anderson

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Year 6 Leadership Commissioning Liturgy
The Year 6 Leadership Commissioning Liturgy celebrated on Friday, 19 February, was a very special time for our Year 6 students who received their leadership badges and made a commitment to their leadership roles. As these students begin their leadership journey, we are reminded that God gives us many things: talents, gifts for living, family, health and much more. He calls us to use all that we have to put His love into action working through us. Our good works, come not from our own resources, but from the grace and the gifts that God first gave us. Often, we can inspire others by our actions. At times, we may not even realise that we do it. Inspiring others is about offering leadership, the kind of leadership that isn’t always about the person that is out in front, but the kind of leadership that offers the gift of service to others.

For our Year 6 student leaders, this year will enable them to discover the gifts and talents that they have. Importantly, through the everyday encounters with staff, family, friends and other students, they will begin to discover that good leadership is about being the best person that they can be. Through their experiences, they will be inspired by the love of others, just as they can also inspire others with the love that is shown them, each offering their leadership to others in the simplest moments of the everyday step by step, person by person, action by action.

Lord our God, bless our Year 6 Student Leaders in this their leadership year at St Martin’s School. Let their light shine and help them to share the love, kindness and compassion of Jesus in our school. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Before School Mass: Volunteers for Ministry
Our first Before School Mass for 2016 will be held on Thursday, 10 March at 7:45am (Week 7) at Our Lady of Graces Church. This mass provides a wonderful opportunity for our community to join together and celebrate the Eucharist. At this mass, students are invited to participate in a number of ministries including readings, Prayers of Intercession and the offertory procession. Should your child like to participate in a ministry at this mass, please contact me via email at: vtomerini-smith@bne.catholic.edu.au

Project Compassion Week 2 Update: ‘Learning More, Creating Change’
At the commencement of Week 2 of our Project Compassion Appeal we have raised $628.30. This has enabled us to reach 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. As Project Compassion continues over the coming weeks, all funds raised will contribute to providing the world’s poorest communities with the resources needed to learn to use their strengths to create lasting change.

Veronica Tomerini-Smith
DATE REMINDERS

MARCH
Fri 4  9.15am Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Sat 5  8.00am – Working Bee
Tues 8  Parent Engagement Evening: Cyber Safety
Thurs 10  7.45am – Before School Mass
9-14  Book Fair
Fri 18  Term 1 Disco

FROM THE PARISH

Sacramental Program – Confirmation 2016

A reminder that our Parent Discernment Meeting is at 7pm on Thursday 3rd March in the church.

In keeping with the Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, the Sacramental Preparation that our parish offers is parish-based, family-centred and parish school-supported. Essentially, this is a partnership in which families and the Parish community work together in the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Although those most likely to enrol children in this round are those with children currently in year 3 or above, any parish parent interested in finding out more about the timing or process of the Sacramental program is welcome to attend.

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

LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE

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 time

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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

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to everyone who has been enquiring about the school fee statements for Term 1 and for your patience while they were being prepared. There were a few processing issues that had to be actioned before the fee statements could be emailed. I apologise for the delay in getting them to you but am pleased to advise that they will be emailed today.

As in previous years we are offering parents a discount on the Tuition portion of the fees if fees for the whole year are paid upfront in Term 1. If you would like to pay for the full year this term and take advantage of the discount we offer, please email me on pcarfinance@bne.catholic.edu.au or phone on 3900 9102 to discuss your payment amount. **This year full payment must be received by March 4 2016 to be eligible for the discount.**

For your information, the School Fee Schedule for 2016 can be found on the School Website and is also attached to the Newsletter this week.

As always if you have any questions or concerns about the fees, please feel free to contact me.

Karen Merrin
Finance Secretary
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 are finished. All students are to meet at the assembly area at 7:40am.

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. A timetable will be provided next week.

Basketball Trials
Best of luck for our two basketballers Ned Sukker and Aiden Egan who will represent St Martins at the Lytton Basketball Trials on Tuesday. Go St Martins!

UPCOMING LYTTON DISTRICT TRIALS TERM 1

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 the link below for more information:
https://bulimbass.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Sports/Pages/Lytton-District-Sport.aspx

Nathan Jacobs
HPE Teacher

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP

St Martins Music Support Group Committee will be holding their Term 1 meeting on Tuesday evening (23rd) at 6:30pm in the Italian Room. All parents of the Junior and Senior Band students are welcome to attend if they are interested in joining the committee (PPP points available). For any further information please contact Tennille Willington on 0412 650 124 or email stmartinsmusicgroup@gmail.com

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 25/02: Brad Reid
Tues 01/03: Antonia Tomadon, Kristy Staples

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**

**WORKING BEE**

All families who volunteered for the Term 1 Working Bee as part of their PPP commitment are reminded that the Working Bee for this Term is being held on **Saturday, 5 March 2016** from 8.00am – 12.00 Noon.

Please bring along gardening equipment (gloves, working boots, shovels, wheelbarrows etc) to make the morning as productive and as safe as possible.

Please report to Mark Nightingale, our Groundsman, who will coordinate the work on the day.

Thank you for your commitment as part of your PPP.

Caroline Bugler
**Working Bee Coordinator**
m: 0432 684 387
e:peterbugler@bigpond.com

**P & F NEWS**

Hi Parents,
The P&F has some fabulous news to share this week!!

**SCHOOL NETBALL COURTS UPGRADE**

We have recently been informed by the Gambling Community Benefits Fund that we have been successful in our grant application for upgrading the netball courts! We have started meeting with contractors to finalise quotes. A very big thanks needs to go to Deb Pratt who put her hand up to draft the application for us, as well as everyone else involved in obtaining the quotes and letters of support from local councillors and our parish. This opportunity would not have been possible if it weren’t for everyone’s contribution. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

The P&F have recently appointed a new member of our 2016 P&F team to help with the grant application process – congratulations to Tiffany Tento. We are very thankful to have Tiffany on board as our new **Grants Coordinator**. Tiffany will be helping the school search for government grants and assistance packages on behalf of the P&F. School grants are available from the Australian and State governments and in some cases from local councils, charities and community funds. There are a wide variety of grants available to catholic primary schools annually. Thanks again Tiffany for your help!!

**GOLDEN GOGGLES PARENT NOVELTY SWIM EVENT**

Years 3 to 6 school swimming carnival
Friday 4th March
Calling all St Martin’s Parents!!

We will be holding our annual ‘Golden Goggles’ event again this year. This is a team based novelty race that all parents are welcome to participate in. If you can ride a pool pony, a blow up crocodile, manta ray, dolphin or any type of novelty pool toy, then you are eligible to enter. Don’t be shy, just get those boardshorts and sun rashies on and come along. This is one event you do not want to miss!! Please email stmartinscarinapandf@gmail.com to register your interest.

Peta McGrory
0421 993 244

**BANKING**

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

Start 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.

Peta McGrory
0421 993 244

**2016 Outback Savers Rewards**

**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**
COMMUNITY SCHOOL POLO SHIRTS
Our community polo shirts are available for all parents and can be purchased on the flexischools website and at the uniform shop. They are $35 each. We would really love to see all parents wearing them proudly whilst volunteering at school events, sports carnivals or school excursions.

ANNUAL MOTHERS’ LUNCHEON COMMITTEE
Volunteers in our school community are worth their weight in gold. They share their time and talents without compensation, so it’s crucial to acknowledge their contributions and let them know they are deeply valued. Celeste Ryan-Norris, Melissa Amede, Zoe Harrison and Adena Mondolo did an incredible job over the past two years organising our popular St Martin’s Annual Mothers’ luncheon. This event sells out very quickly. Sadly the committee has decided to step aside from the role this year. Thank you again for all your hard work ladies. The new committee has now been appointed and they have HUGE shoes to fill. We are certain that they can organise a fantastic luncheon on the 6th August. Good luck and thank you in advance to the new Mothers’ Luncheon Committee.....Rachel James (Luncheon Coordinator), Katherine McDonald, Samantha Thompson and Charmaine Lum.

CLASS CONVENORS
Only a few classes are left without a convenor.
If you are interested please contact Emma-Jane directly on ejmconsulting@bigpond.com.
The meetings for this year will be at 8.45 am on: 11/03, 22/04, 22/07, 14/10.
We still need convenors for the following 3 classes: 2D 2M 6G

MUSIC PROGRAM AT ST MARTIN’S - BAND COMMITTEE
Would you like to be on the school band committee?? The St Martin’s Music Support Group Committee will be holding their Term 1 meeting on Tuesday evening (23rd) at 6.30pm in the Italian Room. All parents of the Junior and Senior Band students are welcome to attend if they are interested in joining the committee. Being a Committee Member is a great way to support the Music Program at St Martin’s and earn PPP. The Committee meets once per term. For any further information please contact Tennille Willington on 0412 650 124 or email stmartinsmusicgroup@gmail.com

Upcoming Events
- Friday March 4 - Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)
- 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)

PPP BOOKINGS REMINDER
A reminder that PPP bookings will be closing on the 4th March. Some new events have been added so log onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book (use code W423N) and www.carebookings.com.au (use code 67QDF). If you have any questions regarding the PPP system, please contact Ursula Helios on heliosfamilyhome@gmail.com.

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
Or the facebook website link is below
Facebook link …….www.facebook.com/stmartinscarinapandf
We welcome all parents and friends to ‘like’ this page. We will be posting reminders and school event information here on a regular basis.

P&F SUGGESTION BOX
We have had a wonderful suggestion this week from one of our parents, David De Felice. We are now including an inspiring quote into every school newsletter. We absolutely loved this idea and our first quote is below. Thanks David!!! Keep the suggestions coming! This is your school and we love seeing parents contributing to this wonderful community.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“No-one has yet fully realised the wealth of sympathy, kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock that treasure.”

Emma Goldman

Samantha Thompson
Communications Coordinator
Matthew Schultz
P&F President
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

CHESS MATES
Set your child up for life with chess classes for children from Prep – Year 6.
One of the main aims of Chess Mates is to foster a love of chess in children and in so doing help them reap the benefits educationally and psychologically in a world of increasing complexity.

For more information: www.chessmates.com.au or email info@chessmates.com.au or phone 0415 256452.

QUEENSLAND CRICKET
Girls and boys 7-13 years
Equipment and umpires provided

WHEN: 2016 Easter Holidays
WHERE: Brisbane North, Brisbane South, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast
TIME: 9am – 3pm
COST: $99 per player (includes Brisbane Heat bag, shirt and hat)
REGISTER: For further information and registration, Head to www.playcricket.com.au, click ‘where can I play’ and enter ‘QLD Cricket’. Queensland Cricket contact: Matthew McEwan at matthewm@qldcricket.com.au

Students interested in Queensland Cricket (primary and secondary aged) can also register here: www.playcricket.com.au