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

Best Way to Start the School Day 
Drop and Go
As we now move past the half way mark of Term 1, I remind parents that a quick separation at the start of the day provides the best conditions for the child to learn. I have witnessed a great number of parents staying near the drop off zone and would really prefer they separate from their child quickly and with certainty. Extra staff are on duty to help facilitate this. If it is an assembly day I ask parents to wait in the Dominic Centre after drop-off. This drop off procedure is very educational for the children. We are conditioning them to the ‘norm’. That is, a quick procedure allowing them to establish after their parent or carer has left, a calm emotional state ready and receptive for learning.

Reminder - Students Intending to Complete Primary at St. Martin’s in Years 5 and 6
A Register has been established in the office for parents of boys who have decided to remain at St. Martin’s right through to Year 6. We need this information for planning, especially in relation to buildings and staffing. Please take the time to discuss, decide and then register at the office, even if you are a parent of a Year 2 boy this year… we need to plan ahead.

Parent Teacher Interviews
The school spreads out the reporting and meeting times and sequenced balanced way. The second meeting after Parent Teacher Night is the End of Term 1 Parent Teacher Meetings. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to inform the teachers about your child’s interests, social development and attitude to school life. The teacher will deliver data and observations that they have collated in relation to your child’s development. Then, together in partnership, the teacher and parent strategize as to how we can enhance what is already occurring in relation to the student’s learning goals. Please watch for information from your class teacher to book an interview time.

I remind all parents that St. Martin’s is a smoke free zone… even after hours, smoking is not permitted on the school grounds.

Mick Kelleher
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION

Class Covenants
At the beginning of the school year, each class has been working on writing a class covenant. A covenant is an agreement between two people or groups of people and involves promises on the part of each to the other.

A class covenant is an agreed undertaking by the class about the ways the class members will:

✓ Think and learn
✓ Get along with and care for others and
✓ Act to make a difference in the world.

When creating a class covenant the teachers consider the following:

1. Explain to the group that as you begin a new year, this is an appropriate time to set a class covenant. Remind students of the ‘big picture’: We want everyone to be happy, safe and able to learn.
2. Explain that you will be writing this covenant together and that everyone will be invited to sign their name as a sign of their promise to follow the covenant.
3. Post the covenant where it will remind the group of the promises that they have made to one another. Revisit throughout the year.

Last week, each class presented their class covenant at assembly. This was another way of sharing the class promise with the wider community, therefore again pledging their commitment to the covenant.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 3 Update: ‘Learning More, Creating Change’
As we enter Week 3 of our Project Compassion Appeal there is a great sense of spirit towards ‘giving so that others may receive’ with the generosity of the St Martin’s community raising almost $1000 to date. As the appeal 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
Thurs 3 7pm – Sacramental Program Parent Discernment
         Meeting – in the church
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

An interesting new initiative in Carina Parish. Please have a look at the newsletter attachment.

Sacramental Program – Confirmation 2016

A reminder that our Parent Discernment Meeting is this week at 7pm Thursday 3rd March in the church. Information at this meeting is for parents and carers rather than the whole family.

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
sc.carina@bigpond.com 3398 2977

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

LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE

Welcome back to 2016!

Weekly Class Borrowing

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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
SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country Training

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING CANCELLED FRIDAY 4th MARCH

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.

IMPORTANT: Due to anticipated wet weather this week please be advised that during rainy days Cross Country practice will be cancelled.

Swimming Lessons

Parents, please ensure your child has sunscreen, a swim shirt, bathing cap, towel, adequate footwear and goggles for each session. 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.

Swimming Carnival

Our first sporting carnival of the year is this Friday. The Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival is on Friday 4th March from 9:15am-2:15pm (approximate finish) at the Clem Jones Centre, Carina. Our focus for the day will be on SAFETY, FUN and PARTICIPATION. Permission notes and medical forms should have been returned to classroom teachers by now. All students have been put into at least two races for the carnival (including the novelty event). The pool noodle novelty event is open to all children in Years 3-6. Children will need a partner (or group of three if odd numbers) in their year group and in the same house colour for the event. Age champions will be awarded for 10, 11 and 12 years age group. Please note that the overall house winner and age champions will be announced at whole school assembly on Monday 7th March.

Below is a rough timetable for the day. Please be aware that this timetable is only a guide and is subject to change on the day.

Parents please refer to the PDF ‘SWIMSCHEDULE’ attached to this week’s newsletter email. Students can access the timetable via the Life website ‘Physical Education’ page for regular and detailed schedule updates. Please be advised that the times for the events are estimations. Race times will vary from this guide throughout the day, especially if we have unforeseen complications on the day. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to come and see me.

A few last reminders for the day:

- The kiosk will be out of bounds for all children on the day of the carnival and therefore the children will be required to bring their morning tea and lunch.
- CHILDREN MUST WEAR THEIR SCHOOL HATS
- CHILDREN CAN WEAR A COLOURED SHIRT THAT MATCHES THEIR HOUSE COLOUR – NO SINGLETS
- NO HAIR SPRAY
- NO COLOURED ZINC
- CHILDREN DON’T HAVE TO WEAR SUN SHIRTS WHEN SWIMMING

I’m really looking forward to our first carnival of the year. I hope to see many of you there.
Basketball Trials  
Congratulations go to our two basketballers, Ned Sukkar and Aiden Egan who represented St Martin’s at the Lytton Basketball Trials on Tuesday. I heard they both represented St Martin’s with maturity and responsibility. Aiden has made the squad. Go St Martin’s!

UPCOMING LYTON DISTRICT TRIALS TERM 1

Lytton District Basketball  
Lytton District Basketball trials are open to girls aged 11 or 12 and who play for a club. These trials are on 7th March.

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

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)

BANKING

New reward items are available for 2016 along with some old favourites from 2015. Starter packs have been 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

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–12:00Noon. 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 Con Duggan, our replacement 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  
epeterbugler@bigpond.com

UNIFORM SHOP

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TUESDAY  
2016  
8.15am – 9.15am

THURSDAY  
8.15am – 9.15am

Uniform Roster  
Thurs 03/03: Carol Cran, Nicole Miller  
Tues 08/03: 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
Hi Parents,

Over the past couple of weeks, we have loved receiving some great new event ideas, positive feedback and wonderful suggestions from our parent community. Thank you for taking the time to email us, send messages via our Facebook page and pop ideas into our P&F suggestion box. We really appreciate it and we will make sure we address all concerns and ideas at our next P&F meeting.

A positive P&F school climate exists when parents and friends within a school community feel valued, involved and appreciated. Please remember that if you have a child enrolled at St Martin’s Primary School, you are automatically a member of the P&F, so make sure you come along and attend the next meeting. (time and date to be advised)

WORKING BEE
Saturday, 5th March, 2016 from 8:00am–12:00Noon.
A quick reminder that if you have volunteered for the Term 1 School Working Bee as part of your PPP commitment, please bring – a rake, shovel, gardening tools. You MUST wear strong boots, determination and a big smile.

Please report to Con Duggan, our replacement Groundsman at the school office and sign the register. Con will coordinate the work on the day. See you there !!

GOLDEN GOGGLES PARENT NOVELTY SWIM EVENT
FRIDAY 4th March at the Years 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival
FINAL REMINDER !
As you all know, 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. We have a quite a few entries but need a couple more. Please email stmartinscarinapandf@gmail.com to register your interest.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL POLO SHIRTS
Our community polo shirts are still 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.

CLASS CONVENORS - 2016
We are very happy to announce that all Class Convener positions are now filled. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the first convenors’ meeting has been delayed. A new date will be arranged as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events
- Friday March 4 - Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6) and Golden Goggles parent event.
- Saturday Mar 5 - Term 1 Working Bee
- Tuesday Mar 8 - Parent Engagement Evening: Cyber Safety – 7pm
- Friday Mar 18 - Term 1 Disco (National Day Against Bullying)

PPP BOOKINGS REMINDER
A reminder that PPP bookings will be closing this week on the 4th March. Please log onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book (use code W4Z3N) 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
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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
“I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework.”
Lilly Tomlin

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

FOUND
A pearl bracelet with BORRIS on silver beads – may be collected from the office.

PARENT POWER NIGHT
WHEN: Tuesday 1 March – 6.30pm – 8.30pm
WHERE: Hanrahan Theatre, Villanova College, 24 Sixth Avenue, Coorparoo
Registration is free and open to all parents, guardians, caregivers and family members.
For more information contact Mrs Nicole Weldon at Villanova College on 3394 5593 or nweldon@vnc.qld.edu.au

VILLANOVA INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL
Date: Saturday 5 March
Time: 5pm – 10pm

- International Cuisine
- Traditional stalls
- Rides
- Live entertainment
- Licensed bars

Find us on Facebook – Facebook.com/villanovacarnival