



# THE SPIRIT

The official newsletter of St Martins Lutheran College



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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY**

You may recall late last term we had Horas Day here at school to raise money for our partner school SD HKI in Indonesia. The term 'Horas' is a Batak Indonesian saying that is said with gusto as a warm welcome to friends. Horas Day raised over \$700 which will help the school to have the text books that their students need for daily lessons and I thank our community for their donations.

Next week it is with great pleasure that we host the Principal and two teachers from SD HKI here at St Martins. Purida Manurung the Principal, Erlany Situmorang who teaches Year 2 and Rita Nainggolan who teaches Year 5 will be with us on Monday morning and we will welcome them at the Primary Assembly. I am very excited about their visit as through our service learning trips over the last two years we have established a strong friendship between our schools, staff and students. For them this trip is about many 'firsts' in life. Erlany the year 2 teacher said to me, "I want to see everything, eat everything, I don't want to rest because this is my once in a lifetime opportunity." I do realise that what they are about to see and experience is going to be very different and maybe quite overwhelming at times, but it is the difference that has brought us together and the differences that we value in the partnership.

I do want to share a facebook post that I saw yesterday from the Class 4 teacher in SD HKI. She was using the eight iPads that we donated to them when we last visited. They were doing some research and finding information far beyond the text book, which is their only resource. As well as researching the students were sharing and collaborating, being independent and discerning and driving their own learning. They were so engaged because using the iPads for them was a real treat.

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**Robyn Teakle**  
Head of Primary

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Helping the school with iPads or purchasing texts books is a simple thing for us to do but this partnership is far more than that. It is about the experiences, relationships, friendships, and the understanding of real gratitude and gratefulness. It is about an appreciation of what we have and indeed don't have, because having doesn't always mean happiness. It is for all these reasons that I am especially excited to host our dear friends from Indonesia because they remind me of the many blessings that are bestowed upon us and the blessing that this partnership brings our school community.

**Robyn Teakle**  
Head of Primary



## IMPORTANT UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

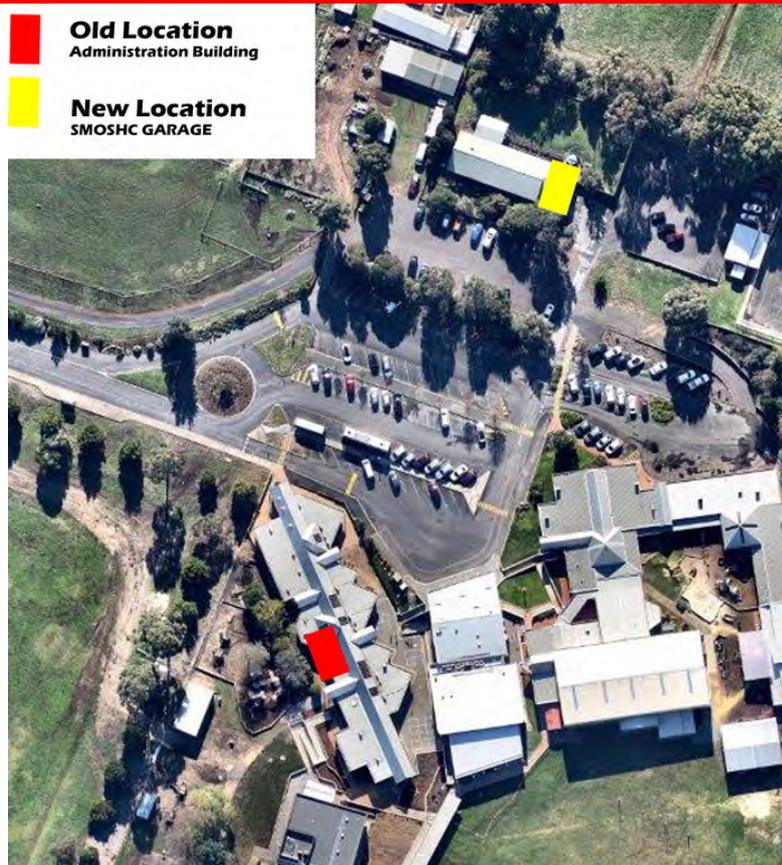
### Uniform Shop Relocation

This week the Uniform Shop will be undergoing some major changes. The shop will be moving location from the front office building to the newly renovated SMOSHC House Garage. The shop was temporarily closed this afternoon and will reopen on Tuesday 26th of November.

We ask everyone to please be patient as our staff learn the new system.

**Old Location**  
Administration Building

**New Location**  
SMOSHC GARAGE



# UPCOMING DATES

Friday 22/11/2019  
Pupil Free Day

Monday 25/11/2019  
Year 10/11 Exams  
Primary Assembly  
Year 3, 4, 6H, 7 Swimming  
Year 8/9 Girls Cricket  
Indonesian School Staff Visit

Tuesday 26/11/2019  
Year 10/11 Exams  
Foundation Orientation

Wednesday 27/11/2019  
Year 11 Exams  
Year 10 Peer Leader Training  
Transition Day - 2020 Students  
Year 8/9 Girls Cricket

Thursday 28/11/2019  
Year 11 Exams  
Year 10 Peer Leader Training  
In2Cricket  
Year 7 - 9 Middle School  
Service & Awards Night

Friday 29/11/2019  
SACE Orientation Day Year  
10/11

Saturday 30/11/2019  
Carols By Fairylight - Junior  
Choir Performance

Monday 2/12/2019  
Year 3, 4, 5, 6W & 6Y Swimming



## **2020 SENIOR COLLEGE CAPTAINS**

### **David Zwijnenburg and Naomi Zwijnenburg**

Last week, St Martins students and teachers polled their vote for who they believed should be the college captains for 2020. It was extremely close between three male and three female candidates.

We would like to congratulate David and Naomi Zwijnenburg on being elected to lead the College next year.

## **2020 CHINESE SISTER SCHOOL VISIT**

### **Expressions of interest to Host Students**

We are delighted to inform the St Martins Community that our Chinese sister school will be visiting us next February. We hope to host around 25 students from Shouguang Century School, Shouguang, Shandong Province, China, between the 10th and the 13th of February 2020, which is the 3rd week of Term 1. This is a reciprocal visit following our very successful visit to their school in April this year. We are looking for host families who would be willing to accommodate and feed a student or two for three nights. Those families who previously hosted students from Shouguang Century School in 2017 were very positive about the experience, both in terms of the benefits for their children and their families in general. As the visit is not that many school weeks away, we are now calling for expressions of interest from families willing to host a student or two. If you are interested please contact Lester Chen by email at: [lchen@smartins.sa.edu.au](mailto:lchen@smartins.sa.edu.au)

Thank you in advance for your support.

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## CHRISTMAS PARADE

### Who's the King of the Jungle?

This year the theme of the 2019 St Martins Christmas Float was 'Who's the King of the Jungle?'. This theme saw the truck decorated in lots of leafy greenery while students dressed up as their favorite jungle animals. This year we were lucky enough to have over 40 students participate in the parade, with parents and friends of the college coming along too.

We are pleased to announce that the 'King of the Jungle' float won the 2019 'Best School Entry' award. Our thanks must go to Dan Morris and K&S Freight for the truck, parents and friends who donated the greenery and the students for dressing up and getting involved in what was a great day. We look forward to another great float in 2020.



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## **REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

**Monday 11th November**

On Monday the 11th of November St Martins Lutheran College held a Remembrance Day service. This year students were asked to stand around the Australian flag at half mast and pay respects to members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty. The service began with a Catafalque Party formed of student cadets before primary students were asked to lay their class wreaths. Our Primary College Captains spoke of the significance of the day before David Zwijnenburg performed the Last Post and the students fell silent at 11am.



## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Ethan O'Donnell and Shae Delaney**

Recently Year 7 students, Ethan O'Donnell and Shae Delaney were selected to compete in the Lower South East SAPSASA Tennis team. Earlier this month the team played in the week long SAPSASA tournament held in Seacliffe, Adelaide. The team only lost one match for the week against City South, but managed to secure a majority of the sets from the very strong City South team. The Lower South East team finished the tournament as runners up. Both Ethan and Shae represented the College very well. Shae managed to not lose a set for her matches for the week. Well done to both Ethan and Shae on a very successful week of tennis.



### **Blake Vause**

This term Year 6 student Blake Vause was selected into the Lower South East SAPSASA Cricket Team. Recently, Blake travelled to Adelaide to compete in the SAPSASA Cricket Tournament. The team performed well and Blake was a great asset to the team.



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## **VALEDICTORY SERVICE DVD**

**Order forms have been emailed out**

Reminder: The order forms for the Valedictory Service and Senior Awards Presentation DVD have been emailed out. Please have your form and payment completed before Monday the 2nd of December (Week 8).

## **OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP**

### **Surf Life Saving Qualification**

Recently 10 students and 2 St Martins staff completed a three day camp to obtain their Surf Rescue Certificate. The camp was held in Beachport, with the program being run by volunteers of the Beachport Surf Lifesaving Club. Throughout the three days the participants undertook the intensive training program consisting of pool swimming sessions, CPR training, board and tube rescue techniques, surf awareness and much more.

The St Martin's Outdoor Education students are now qualified to wear the yellow and red uniform and assist with patrols and water safety at the beach.



## ENVIRO COMMITTEE

### **TIP OF THE WEEK!**



By buying local products you will be saving on our carbon footprint! There are some great local Farmers Markets on weekends.

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## YEAR 2 BIG DAY OUT

### Portland

On Friday the 8th of November 2019, 2M and 2B went to Portland. We travelled by bus and I sat next to Archer. Firstly everyone had recess at the beach. Some people went for a walk and some didn't. After recess we were going to have a treasure hunt but then it rained so the teacher decided to go to the playground. Then we went to the Discovery Centre and we learnt about a whale. Then we had lunch at the Playground where we had a lollipop because it was Brett's birthday. Then we hopped in the bus and went back to Mount Gambier. We Played GaGa outside. After that it was time for pizza. Then we played GaGa again. Then we had to watch a movie and I watched Toy Story 4. It had dolls in the movie! Once the smart board shut down. After the movie I had to go home. I really want to go on another good trip like this!!

- Max Greene, 2M

On Friday we went to Portland. First we ate recess (when we got off the bus) and we were allowed to climb a tree. Secondly our class went to the marine discovery centre, while the other class was doing a scavenger hunt. We saw the size of a giant squid, it was a small one. Then we went on a scavenger hunt, my partner was Thomas. We couldn't find a seal. Finally we had lunch and played, it was fun. It rained so we went back to school and had pizza and donuts. We watched Toy Story 4 and it was good, the other people watched Odd Ball.

- Gordon Farrugia, 2B



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## YEAR 7 CANBERRA CAMP

### Week 4 Term 4

On the 3rd of November, 66 students headed off at 7am for Canberra. It was a busy week, but we were blessed with excellent weather and some amazing places to visit. The educational experience enables students to understand more of Australia's history, democracy and culture. Day one included visiting Government House and the War Memorial. We also visited Parliament House, Old Parliament House, the National Capital Exhibition, the Deep Space Communication Centre and much more. Our campsite was amazing, located next to the Murrumbidgee river, which some students were able to enjoy during a pleasant afternoon walk. The students also loved Questacon and the trampoline park, 'Flip-out'. Most students even enjoyed the long bus trip because of the quality time spent with friends.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed \$60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. We are thankful to the Australian Government for this.



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## OLD SCHOLARS

### Maddy Teakle & Abbey Beames

This week SMLC Old Scholars Maddy Teakle and Abbey Beames returned to the College in a teaching capacity, as relief teachers, after recently completing their Bachelor of Education. Abbey graduated from the College in 2013 and spent her gap year undertaking an Administration traineeship in the Front Office of SMLC, while Maddy graduated in 2014 and completed a Classroom support traineeship at SMLC in 2015.

We thoroughly enjoy welcoming back old scholars and on this day, counting current staff members and other relief teachers we had a total of 6 old scholars teaching at the College!



# NOTICES

Phoenix Music Studios, MJ Dance & Stoke Music Presents

## MAXWELL & BAKKER'S NOBODY'S HOME

### MOUNT GAMBIER SCHOOL HOLIDAY MUSICAL THEATRE PROGRAM

Come and join us in a week-long program to develop your skills!

**PERFORMANCES // Saturday, January 18, 2020**

Professional tuition in singing, dance, acting and staging throughout the week by Phoenix Music Studios, MJ Dance and Stoke Music.

**REHEARSALS**  
Monday, January 13 - Friday, January 17  
9am - 5pm  
[supervision provided from 8:45am-5:15pm]

**FROM AUDITIONS TO STAGE IN SIX DAYS!**

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE NOVEMBER 30.**

**Cost \$350/student\***  
inclusive of rehearsals, supervision, most costumes and makeup.  
Any other costume/prop requirements would not require special purchases, only items from home.  
\*Multiple study weekly discount available

For enquiries or to secure your place please call or email  
Phoenix Music Studios, Studio Director  
Jodi Selggs 0438 259 693 | [jodi@phoenixstudios.com.au](mailto:jodi@phoenixstudios.com.au)

For further information please see our website [www.phoenixstudios.com.au](http://www.phoenixstudios.com.au)



Are you interested in becoming a Plumber?

Tye's Plumbing Service are looking for a School Based Apprentice to commence in February 2020.

Minimum requirement – completion of Year 10

Resume to be delivered to 237 Commercial Street West, Mt Gambier by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Applicants may be required to complete work experience as part of the selection process

Any enquiries please call 8725 6475

# NOTICES

SOUTH EAST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS



**TERM 4 2019**

WHEN: Mondays (21st October - 9th December)  
TIME: 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
WHERE: Mount Gambier High School Gymnasium  
COST: FREE!!

SpikeZone is a modified version of volleyball designed specifically for primary school students. The program is structured so young children can learn volleyball in a fun, game orientated learning environment. Just come along with some comfortable clothes, sneakers and a bottle of water! We hope to see you there!

For more information, please contact us at [southeastvolleyballassociation@gmail.com](mailto:southeastvolleyballassociation@gmail.com)



**ST MARTIN'S  
ADVENT EVENING  
4TH & 5TH DECEMBER  
6.00-7.30PM**



Bring your family, a picnic rug or chair or just come and relax on the lawns at the front of the church at 17 Edward Street.

Celebrating the real "reason for the season" with a FREE sausage sizzle, hot chips, coffee van, craft, children's activities and music.

## Family Relationship Counselling

**Mount Gambier**

13 Penola Road

### We can assist with -

- Family violence issues
- Managing Change— in relationships, family, lifestyle, aging, disability or illness
- Relationship difficulties
- Parenting/step-parenting/parenting after separation
- Stress
- Children managing separation
- Parenting education
- Enhancing relationships
- Behavioural issues
- Communication difficulties
- Emotional issues
- Family crisis/trauma
- Grief and Loss

**WE PROVIDE SAFE, CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES, FAMILIES AND CHILDREN.**



### BECOME A MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDER

to support friends, family members, colleagues and others

About 1 in 5 Australian adults experience a common mental illness each year. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training will teach you practical skills to support someone with a mental health problem. Make a real difference to people in your community.

#### STANDARD MHFA TRAINING BENEFITS

KNOWLEDGE	CONFIDENCE	DE-STIGMATISING	SUPPORT
Improves knowledge of mental illnesses, treatments and first aid actions.	Increases confidence in providing first aid.	Decreases stigmatising attitudes.	Increases the support provided to others.

"I enjoyed learning the skills to be an MHFAider. The content was interesting and the facilitators made me feel at ease, even with the more sensitive content." - Georgia

#### LEARN PRACTICAL FIRST AID SKILLS

- Recognise common mental health problems
- Provide initial help using a structured, evidence-based Action-Plan
- Seek appropriate professional help, and
- Respond in a crisis situation

This is a 12-hour educational course, not a therapy or support group.

#### HOW DO I SIGN UP?

**DATES** 21st & 22nd January 2020  
**TIMES** 8:45am - 5pm  
**COST** \$250 per person  
**VENUE** Di-Monty Training  
110A Penola Road  
**FACILITATOR/S**  
Jen Vonic-Joyce  
Carmen Bliss

For further information or to book an appointment please phone:  
Centacare Family Relationship Team—8303 6630

