



THE SPIRIT

The official newsletter of St Martins Lutheran College



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL



Tears. Tears of joy, tears of laughter, tears of sadness, tears of compassion, tears of tiredness, tears of *'he made me do it'* or just plain teary. I have seen all these tears over the last week or so. At this time of the year it is not unusual to see a few tears about the place and mostly they are tears of separation. The start of a new school year is a big deal especially for the youngest of our students. Their world has just had a big change up. Most of all being away from mum, dad or home is a big thing and they simply miss their familiar places, familiar people and well quite frankly, their toys and care-free world.

I happen to come across a little chap today who was sobbing on the outside but on the inside he was trying to be a big brave school boy, but he just missed home.

Between the sobs he practiced writing the letter 'e' for the first time, he shakily put a sticker on his page, he sniffled as he wrote his name, he sobbed some more as he found his spot on the mat. I took him out for a walk during fruit break and even as we walked he tried to talk and eat a banana between sobs. I was more concerned that the banana would drop and the tears would go to a whole new level.

Eventually we got to my office and after finding some paper in his favourite colour, creating a booklet and then drawing pictures for mum and dad he started to hold back the tears and chat and, eventually I did get a smile. He may have also been smiling because, with the help of his tears he had coerced me into doing all the pictures, writing, folding and enveloping. But you know, whatever. For him, in 'us' creating the booklet to take home he had connected with the people he knows so well and loves and now they were not so far away. For me, he and I had been able to make a connection which I hope will be helpful next time I see him a little sad or happy.

God did not create us to be silos, he created us to be connected, to surround ourselves with people who we love and who make us happy. When we are connected it doesn't matter if it is times of joy or sadness, times of hardship or challenge as the comfort we feel through being together or connected is very special and gives us courage.

Robyn Teakle
Head of Junior School



UPCOMING DATES

Friday 7 Feb

- *Worship & Installation of House Captains & Junior SRC*
9:00am

Wednesday 12 Feb

- *Middle/Senior Swimming Carnival*

Friday 14 Feb

- *Worship 9:00am*
- *SE Zone Swimming*

Monday 17 Feb

- *ACER Testing New Students*
- *Open Boys Cricket*

Tuesday 18 Feb

- *Parent Expo/Info Night*
5:30pm

Wednesday 19 Feb

- *House Day*

Thursday 20 Feb

- *Primary District Swimming*

Friday 21 Feb

- *Worship & Installation Middle/Senior SRC 9:00am*
- *Noorla Yo-Long Year 6*

Monday 24 Feb

- *Primary Assembly 10:45am*

Tuesday 25 Feb

- *SSSA E Grade Swimming*

Thursday 27 Feb

- *Indigenous Mentor Visit*



COLLEGE CAPTAINS

At the 2020 Opening Worship, the College Student Leaders were introduced and Installed in front of their peers. In a first for the College, this year's Senior School Captains are siblings, David and Naomi Zwijnenburg. Naomi is no stranger to the role of student leader - she was Junior School Captain in 2014!

Congratulations also to 2020 Year 6 Students Ezekiel Coutts and Hannah Duffett. Ezekiel and Hannah will proudly represent the College as this year's Junior School Captains.

Well done to these four young leaders, we're sure you'll do a great job representing our College.

JUNIOR SCHOOL LEARNING ENRICHMENT TEAM

Our Junior School (Foundation to Year 6) is supported by our school Learning Enrichment team previously known as Learning Support. The Learning Enrichment team support the Principal (Mr Connah), Head of School (Mrs Teakle), Head of Teaching and Learning (Christine Ware) School Counsellor (Jane Savage) and classroom teachers to provide learning assistance to students. Students are provided with support in class, in small groups, both in and out of class in close partnership with teachers. The enrichment team are currently exploring how to also support students who need extension.

The Enrichment team consists of 1 coordinator and 6 Learning Support Officers. [Click here](#) to meet the team and read the full article on our website.

FROM THE MINISTRY COORDINATOR - CHRIS SPENCER

OPENING WORSHIP

I love breakfast! I always have. I jump out of bed each morning eager to get cereal and milk into my bowl. I find it refreshing and it gives me energy for the day. However, sometimes when I get up, I decide that I'm not going to eat breakfast first. I do this because I know that what I do first each day gives a very high importance to this task. So instead, I try to sit down with God's Word before breakfast to remind me that I do not live by food alone, but that I am sustained by God's Word.

What we do first at our College each morning also shows the importance that we give to it. Each morning staff and students begin with devotion, reminding us of the importance of God's love for us. It is also important to recognise God as creator, sustainer and redeemer and that all that we do for the day must be seen in this light.

Additionally, the first thing we do at the start of each term is Worship. This shows the importance that we give to God in our community. It is because of His love that we exist as a College and Worship is a time for us to praise Him for this. Our Opening Worship is also a special time because it recognises important people in our College. We welcome and install new staff, asking them to carry out God's work at St Martins faithfully. So too, we install our College Captains, David Zwijnenburg, Naomi Zwijnenburg, Hannah Duffett and Ezekiel Coutts to serve God as part of their role. The College community is asked to pray for these new staff and school leaders so that they may faithfully carry out God's work.

Alan Connah also presented the theme for the year, 'Stronger Together'. As the year unfolds we will see that God has created us to live together in community and it is only being united together in Him that genuine community and genuine strength arises.

Blessings in Christ,
Chris Spencer
Ministry Coordinator.



SACE ART SHOW



Recently Class of 2019 student, Kerri Hunt, received an invitation from the SACE Board to display her astonishing eagle sculpture in the 2020 SACE Art Show, to be held in Adelaide. The eagle is made up of hundreds of folded pieces of paper and won the Best Sculpture and Best Secondary Artwork award at the 2019 St Martins Lutheran College Art Show.

We congratulate Kerri on this fantastic achievement and wish her all the best.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2020

This year the College has a new structure, with the implementation of three sub-schools. A Junior School (Foundation to Year 6), a Middle School (Year 7 to 9) and a Senior School (Year 10 to 12). Each sub-school is led by a separate Head of School (Robyn Teakle - Junior School, Damian Bradley - Middle School and Jayne Fulton - Senior School), who work closely with a Whole College Head of Teaching and Learning (Jason Plunkett) and a Director of Junior School Teaching and Learning (Christine Ware).

The roles of the new Heads of School are different to those of previous years. The following information is provided to assist parents as to who to contact in different situations. In almost all cases, parents are encouraged to contact the Class, Subject or Home Group Teacher first, before contacting someone more senior.

Question/Concern	School	Person to contact	Email
Student Pastoral Care/ Wellbeing/ Engagement/ Behaviour Matters	Junior School →	1. Class Teacher 2. Robyn Teakle	Various rteakle@stmartins.sa.edu.au
	Middle School →	1. Home Group Teacher 2. Damian Bradley	Various dbradley@stmartins.sa.edu.au
	Senior School →	1. Home Group Teacher 2. Jayne Fulton	Various jfulton@stmartins.sa.edu.au
Subject/Curriculum/ Teaching/Learning/ Homework/ Assessment/ Reporting Matters	Junior School →	1. Class Teacher 2. Christine Ware	Various cware@stmartins.sa.edu.au
	Middle & Senior Schools →	1. Subject Teacher 2. Faculty Leader 3. Jason Plunkett	Various Various jplunkett@stmartins.sa.edu.au
Learning Enrichment (Learning Support)	Junior School →	1. Class Teacher 2. Brenda May	Various bmay@stmartins.sa.edu.au
	Middle & Senior Schools →	1. Subject Teacher 2. Leanne Forbes	Various lforbes@stmartins.sa.edu.au
College Counsellor	Junior, Middle & Senior Schools →	1. Jane Savage	jsavage@stmartins.sa.edu.au

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE TIP OF THE WEEK

Try growing your own veggie patch - get the kids involved as growing your own vegetables is very rewarding - and they taste so much better!



YEAR 12 RETREAT

The annual Year 12 Retreat took place at Robe on Thursday 30 January and Friday 31 January.

While the weather was much hotter than the beautiful mild Robe weather we usually get, it didn't dampen the students' energy or enthusiasm to spend two days getting to know each other better, in a setting outside normal classes and participating in sessions aimed at helping them to make the most of their year.

Students worked on team building, learned about the importance of sleep and stress management, and were given information on effective study skills. Special thanks go to John Pocock for the study skills session and to Liz Beames for handling all of the catering for the Retreat. Both volunteered their time to support our Year 12's in having a great start to their year.



YEAR 12 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Year 12 students have found themselves busy in each of their subjects already, and on Tuesday 4 February St Martins held a Parent Information Night where parents of Year 12's could come along to meet the teachers they didn't already know and hear some useful information about subjects and Year 12 in general.

Topics covered in overview were the deadline policy and extensions, timing of university and TAFE applications, and SACE special provisions. This was followed by individual subject information delivered by each teacher.

It is always a good opportunity for teachers and parents to open up communication early in the year, to help us work towards success for each student.

If there are any Year 12 parents who were unable to make it to the evening, please feel free to make contact with your child's teachers at any time via email or through the College phone number.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS 2020

At St Martins we are fortunate to have highly qualified specialist music teachers visit our site each week to provide instrumental and voice lessons.

Lessons are offered on the following instruments:

- Brass – trumpet, trombone, Euphonium and Tuba
- Drums
- Guitar – Acoustic, Electric and Bass
- Piano
- Violin
- Vocals
- Ukulele
- Woodwind – Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone and Bassoon

Lessons can be undertaken individually, or in some cases in small groups of up to three students. Charges for lessons are at the discretion of each teacher, but the college recommends a fee at no more than **\$35.00 per half hour** (individual) for each weekly lesson.

If you don't own an instrument, don't worry. We can arrange to hire one for you.

We welcome and look forward to you and your child becoming involved in the many varied aspects of the programmes provided by the St Martins Lutheran College Music Department.

Stephen Walther
Music Coordinator

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate Year 10 student, Thomas Foote, who recently won a Stand Like Stone scholarship to further his musical studies. Thomas is a gifted music student who will benefit greatly from this wonderful scholarship. Well done, Thomas!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On Tuesday 28 February Foundation students attended a Blessing of the Backpacks ceremony to symbolize the beginning of their St Martins journey. The students were buddied up with a Year 12 who read a blessing and presented them with a College keyring to be placed on their backpacks. This ceremony is not only a great way of welcoming the new students into the College community but it displays the unity that exists beyond year levels.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS

SALLY DUFFETT - P & F SECRETARY

We hope you had a restful break and that your kids are getting into the swing of things again. Parents and Friends support the school community in a variety of ways. This term the P & F are running a Parent Expo in Week 4 (Tuesday 18 February), on the night that you can come in to visit your kids' classrooms. It's a good opportunity to get tips from professionals like an occupational therapist, physio, dietician and Headspace, plus teachers from our school about different ways we can help our kids. In Week 6 the P & F will run BBQs at the Athletics days to build atmosphere and raise money for the school. Please contact parentsandfriends@stmartins.sa.edu.au if you can help with the BBQ for an hour or so.

In November the P & F had the AGM, and welcomed Rochelle Monaghan as chairperson, Sally Duffett as Secretary, Sam Jellesma as Treasurer, Heather Stubberfield as uniform rep, Sandra Jones as Council rep and Alicia Seidel on the Exec team. This year the P & F will hold meetings on Tuesdays instead of Wednesdays, 1 - 3pm in the SMOSHC House every 3rd Tuesday of the month. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 18 February Week 4, all welcome. There has been some interest from some full-time Mums and Dads in planning evening meetings, so please contact parentsandfriends@stmartins.sa.edu.au if you are interested a time can be made to suit.

Last year the Parents and Friends Committee earmarked over \$10,000 towards the Web + \$5000 towards outdoor seating for secondary students, and supported the HPV team by purchasing eskies and a marquee. Come along to a meeting if you would like a say in what this year's funds go towards.

Sally Duffett

parentsandfriends@stmartins.sa.edu.au

HOUSE CAPTAINS

	Tremelling	Yates	Whitty	Livingstone
Junior	Elmer Buckland	William Vincent	Henry Virgo	Ewan Savage
	Ashlyn Horn	Emma Johnson	Natalie Stubberfield	Katie Kerr Isobel Hastings
Senior	Ruben van Eeden	Harrison Langlands	Franco Kakule	Royden Coote
	Georgia Seidel	Sophie Boston	Abbey Hartland	Myah de Breuk

YEAR 12 SENIOR JUMPERS

Earlier this term the Year 12 students received their 2020 Seniors Jumpers. Students can be seen around the College proudly wearing the jumper to commemorate their final year of schooling. This year's design was created by a committee of students before being presented to the entire cohort for the final decision.



CANTEEN PRICE LIST

The canteen menu and price list for 2020 has been updated. You can find a copy of it [here](#) or under the canteen tab on the College website. Please ensure you have the 2020 version as there have been some price adjustments made.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Tuesday 1:00pm - 4:45pm

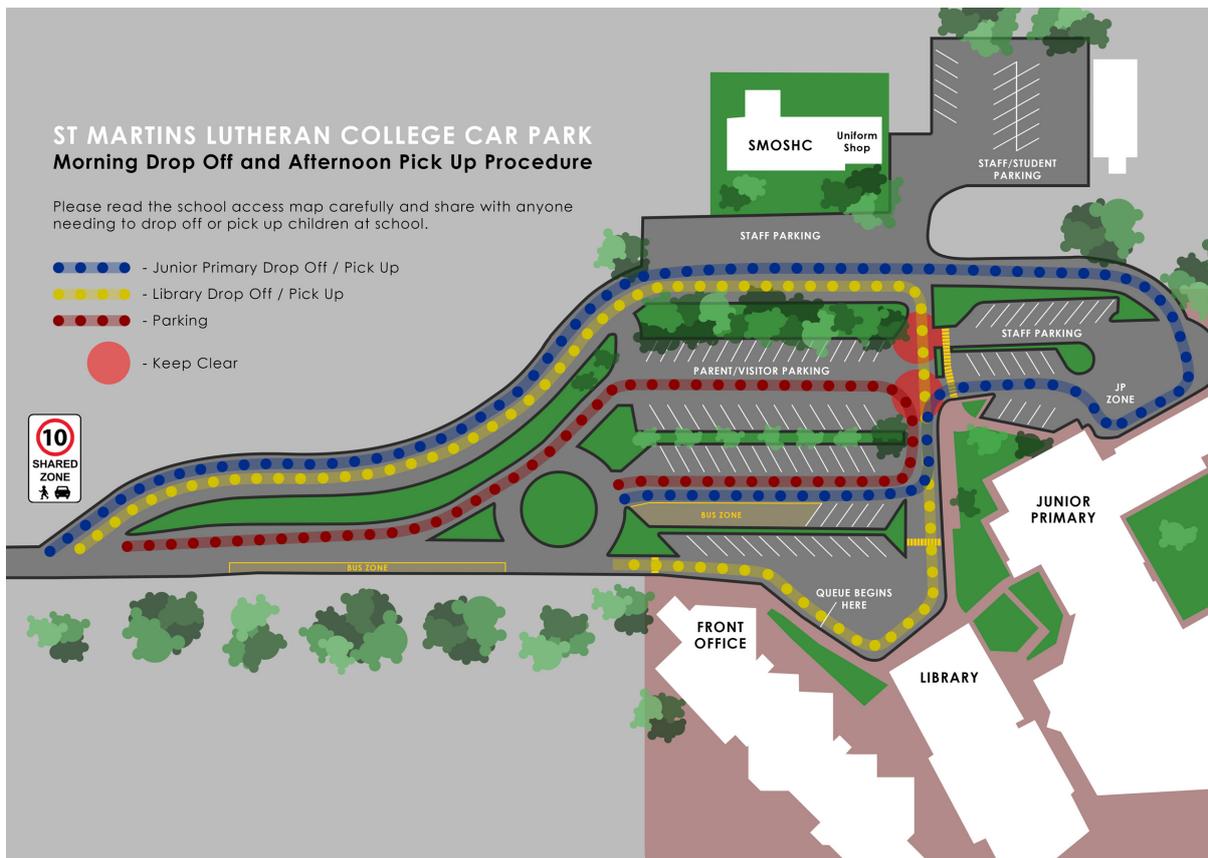
Thursday 8:15am - 12:00pm

Appointments can be made outside of these hours.

Alternatively we encourage parents to shop online at <https://uniformshop.stmartins.sa.edu.au/>

"Save time and shop online"

CAR PARKING PROCEDURE



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Please [click here](#) to access the Community Noticeboard for posters and information of upcoming events within the College, and the wider community.

