



The Spirit

St Martins Lutheran College Newsletter

Term 1 Week 10 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE COUNSELLOR



UNCONDITIONAL LOVE FOR OTHERS

We have two, 7 year old Border Collies at our house - Peggy and Max. Peggy is a traditionally marked black and white female, who loves to chase a ball and boss her kennel mate. She is fierce, intelligent and very independent. Max on the other hand, doesn't really fit the Border Collie stereotype. He is lazy and needy, but gentle and kind with big, brown eyes that you just can't resist. They are opposites in many ways, but the best of friends too.

Now, I didn't grow up with dogs as pets, so I'm relatively new to dog ownership. But what amazes me about dogs and the thing I love most about them, is their loyalty to their owners and their abundance of unconditional love. In every circumstance they are happy to see us, to be by our side and to support us emotionally. They bring such joy and for many people, give incredible comfort. Dogs have a way of putting the needs of their owners above their own.

Here at school, I have lots of conversations with students and see many examples each day of the importance of being a loyal and trustworthy presence for others. In our busy, unpredictable and ever-changing world, being able to rely on the support of those around us, can provide hope and reassurance that everything is going to be ok. Our theme this year, "Open Heart, Open Hands" speaks to this concept of a willingness to support and prioritise others.

At this time of the year during the Easter season, we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us in dying on the cross, so that we may have eternal life. God's unconditional love and care for us is demonstrated through this act of sacrifice. He ultimately put our needs above those of His own, and continues to do this each day through His unwavering presence, loyalty and love. Wishing you all a blessed, safe and joyful Easter break.

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Jane Savage | College Counsellor

UNIFORM REMINDER

Change in Uniform

From Week 10 onwards students, are allowed to wear their Winter Uniform. Students must be wearing the Winter Uniform by the start of Week 3 Term 2.

If you would like to view the College's uniform policy, please [click here](#).

Opening Hours for our Uniform Shop:

Tuesday	8:15am – 10:00am	2:30pm – 4:00pm
Thursday	8:15am – 10:00am	2:30pm – 4:00pm

RECEPTION & YEAR 12 EASTER TRAIL

On the morning of April 5, our Reception and Year 12 students buddied up for an Easter egg hunt around the College.

The students were given 4 clues and had to work together to find all of the Easter symbols.

One of the clues led them to the chicken coop, where our Reception students were excited to find a different type of egg than usual.



TAKING PHOTOS IN SCHOOLS

In keeping with child protection obligations, parents and caregivers present at school events are asked not to take or share photographs of other students without permission.

A number of our students have restrictions with their image, names and/or work being shown publicly. Wherever possible, guests should not take or share photos or video of students other than their own.



SESSA ATHLETICS

On Friday March 24, 55 St Martins Middle and Senior School students competed in the 78th Annual South East Zone Interschool Athletics Carnival, hosted by Millicent High School. Students represented the College well as they participated in a range of track and field events across the day, finishing in 5th.

The Interschool Athletics Team then travelled to Adelaide on the 30th to compete in the 2023 SESSA Track & Field Championships.



LSE SAPSASA ATHLETICS

On March 29, 45 Year 3-6 students took part in the LSE SAPSASA Athletics selection carnival held at Mount Gambier High School.

Throughout the day, St Martins students achieved many outstanding results, and supported not only each other, but also students from other schools. Thank you very much to Mr Savage, Mrs Darcy, Mrs Virgo, Mrs Teakle and Maddy Cowland for their efforts in helping make this day a great success.



FOLLOW US!

Keep up to date with College activities

St Martins Lutheran College is social! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up with the latest news and activities from the College.



ROSTRUM WORKSHOP

On March 28, an enthusiastic group of students participated in an all day workshop at school. The workshop was organised to prepare students for entry into the annual, national Rostrum Voice of Youth competition which takes place in Mount Gambier on May 10.

Students spent the day discussing a range of topics and possible interpretations. They played a few games to warm up, planned speeches and listened to their peers' ideas before providing feedback.

After devouring lunch made by Ms Palombo's Food Tech class, students spent the afternoon creating short notice speeches about a variety of prompts. We look forward to hearing how they fare at the competition in Term 2.



YEAR 5 MIGRANT TALK

On Thursday March 23, Amanda from the Mount Gambier Australian Migrant Resource Centre came to the College to talk to Year 5 students.

The Australian Migrant Resource Centre specialises in humanitarian settlement, community capacity building and development for families, empowering them.

We thank Amanda for taking the time to come in and talk to us.

SESSA ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

On Thursday March 30, following the Interschool Carnival, 51 Middle/Senior students travelled to Adelaide to compete in the Secondary Track and Field Championships at the Athletics SA Stadium.

After two years without competing in Adelaide, students were excited as it has been a popular trip in the past.

Competing in the D grade competition, the St Martins team led all day and took home all three shields that were on offer! 1st in Girls, 1st in Boys and 1st in the overall scoring. Once again students should be commended for their willingness to put their hand up and compete in events for the benefit of the team.



NOTICE BOARD

Latest notices and community events

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TERM PLANNER

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WINTER UNIFORM POLICY

With the implemented School Uniform Policy changes there will be a changeover period at the end of Term 1 - beginning of Term 2. We are finding more and more that the variable weather conditions means that students may be either hot or cold in the summer or winter uniform at these particular times of the year.

So for the last three weeks of Term 1 and the first 3 weeks of Term 2 the following applies;

- Students may wear either full winter uniform or full summer uniform from the beginning of Week 9, 27, March with their school hats.
- Hats will NOT be required to be worn when outdoors at school at the beginning of Term 2.

Students are not to mix and match the uniforms.

From Term 2, Week 4, 22 May 2023 full winter uniform must be worn.

YEAR 8 EASTER EGGS

On Thursday March 30, Year 8 students hand-dyed Eggs in German tradition in all sorts of wonderful colours.

Traditionally on Easter Sunday, friends and family hit each other's egg with their own. The one whose egg does not break is believed to be in for good luck in the future.



VET APPRENTICESHIP

Year 11 student Kain Ashby signed up for a school-based apprenticeship to become a heavy vehicle mechanic, with Heavy Mechanical Services, a local Mount Gambier business. Year 11 student Darcy Bird, has also recently signed up for a school-based automotive apprenticeship with Vans Automotive Service in Naracoorte. Both boys will combine time in the workplace with their school studies.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) can take many different forms, and a school-based apprenticeship is just one type of study.



YEAR 1 MENS MORNING

On April 3, Dads, Grandpa's and significant men in the lives of our Year 1 students were part of a Men's Morning Tea in the College Library.

Our special guests were treated to a coffee and hot cross bun, enjoying the company of our students while reading a book or two!

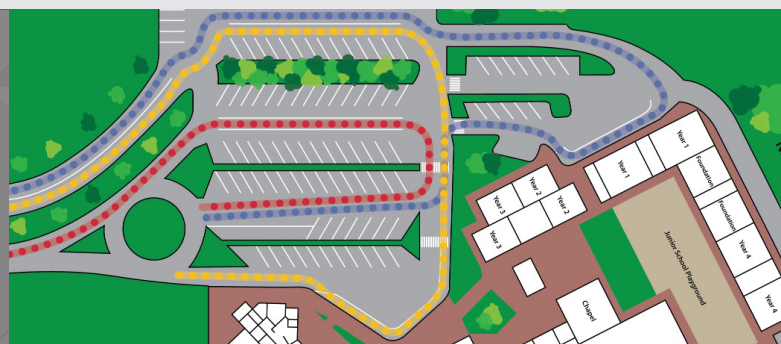
It was lovely to have so many involved in this special activity.



CAR PARK SAFETY

A reminder to all parents, carers and guests to the College to act responsibly when using the carpark area.

Please only use the designated drop-off/collection areas to ensure the safety of everyone.



McNAMARA PARK PEDAL PRIX

On April 1, students participated in the annual McNamara Park Pedal Prix race. Some amazing results from the day are as follows:

Crank It (Junior School)
77th position overall, 3rd in category
Fastest lap 4:42.426 – 3rd fastest lap in category

Carbonated (Middle School)
48th position overall, 3rd in category
Fastest lap 3:40.047

WarWar (Middle School)
54th Overall, 5th in category
Fastest lap 3:30.129 – 3rd fastest lap in category

Anything but Orange (Senior School)
64th overall, 11th in category
Fastest lap 3:22.208



OPEN MIXED HOCKEY

On April 4, the Open Mixed Hockey team competed in a round of matches at the Blue Lake Sports Park.

The team had successful matches against both of the Tenison Woods College teams, before going down in our two games against Henley High School, who had travelled all the way from Adelaide for a Hockey camp.

These rounds of games were a great warm-up for our Knockout Hockey competition that will take place early in Term 2.

YEAR 10 BARISTA COURSE

On April 3 and 4, a group of Year 10 students completed the Barista Skillset, delivered by Nick and Kylee Katris from Thyme @ the Lakes.

Students learned the finer skills of creating quality coffee and other beverages, at the same time gaining two units of VET competencies in theory and practical.

Two more groups will do the same course next term, in May and June.



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UPCOMING DATES

Friday, April 7

- PUBLIC HOLIDAY (GOOD FRIDAY)

Monday, April 10

- PUBLIC HOLIDAY (EASTER MONDAY)

Friday, April 14

- EARLY DISMISSAL (2.15pm)

TRAIN WITH ME!

MOUNT GAMBIERS 22/23 MVP CASSANDRA BROWN

- INDIS
- GROUP TRAINING
- PRIVATE CAMPS
- SCHOOL CLINICS
- MENTORSHIP

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FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA

FUTSAL WORLD CUP CARNIVAL

TEAMS WANTED

WOLANDA REC CENTRE

WED, 26 APRIL

9AM TO 3PM

AGES : 9 TO 17

<https://form.jotform.com/230736978482874>

Register with your team today!
(via the jotform link)



Upcoming activities

Please join the P and F as we prepare for our Mother's Day Stall. **Wednesday 12th April @ 6.30pm.** We'll have a short meeting followed by drinks, dinner and then gift wrapping.

Then The Mother's Day Stall **Tuesday 9th May**
 Volunteers needed to help run the stall on the day.

If you would like to help, please let us know parentsandfriends@smartins.edu.au

You're invited to celebrate

EASTER

at St Martin's Lutheran Church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
 7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY
 10:30am The Passion According to St. John

EASTER SUNDAY
 10:30am Celebration of the Resurrection

You are invited to join us for Holy Week and Easter services at our church. Experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through song, prayer, and reflection.

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FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES

WOLANDA REC CENTRE

WHAT ARE THEY?

WHO CAN PLAY?

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

CONFLICT WITH CLUB FOOTBALL?

THE PROCESS

THE PATHWAY

WWW.FOOTBALLSA.COM.AU/REGIONAL-DEVELOPMENT-CENTRES

NOVO

Years 7 - 12
 April 21 - 24
 \$170 / First Timers \$20
 Unity College, Murray Bridge
The Bigger Picture
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CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
 17 - 28 APRIL 2023

We invite community members and tourists to visit both The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre and Mount Gambier Library to explore and enjoy and to book into one of our school holiday sessions:

MONDAY 17 APRIL: MINI TERRARIUMS
 10:30am @ Mount Gambier Library **FREE AGES 8+**
 Children will create their very own miniature terrarium with a variety of materials to personalise their living landscape. BYO jar. Bookings essential.

MONDAY 17 APRIL: MINDFUL MANDALA BOWLS
 2:30pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre **\$5 AGES 8+**
 Drawing from the ancient art and process of mandalas, we invite you to use Poscas and relax whilst decorating your own little wooden mandala bowl with patterns, symbols and shapes. Bookings essential.