



The Spirit

St Martins Lutheran College Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL WELLBEING



FINDING OUR CAREERS

The students and staff have hit the ground running in Term 2. We have had the Year 10 camp to Tailem Bend filled with wonderful outdoors activities and experiences, followed by the Year 11 careers camp to Adelaide. It has been exciting to see the range of career-based conversations this camp has generated.

Year 10s have been preparing themselves for Work Experience later this term so we have been having a large amount of future focussed discussions with them. Not all of our students already know what they want to do with their career, however, this is not such an issue. For example, many of the jobs people are involved with now did not even exist when I was in high-school. This shows that jobs and the careers are constantly changing, and most of our students will have more than one career direction. The important thing for students is to focus on learning to be the best version of themselves that they can be.

We believe that all positive knowledge and learning is a real gift from God for the growth and welfare of human beings. It is important to develop a spirit of service in our students so that their lives, studies, relationships, ambitions, values and attitudes they reflect a commitment to living useful lives for the good of others.

As a school we aim to create a warm and caring environment where we see each student as unique, each created with their own particular gifts and needs. Our aim is to work with students and their families to help them to be their best selves.

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me." 1 Corinthians 15:10

Kathy Oliphant | Head of Senior School Wellbeing

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YEAR 10 CAMP

In Week 1, our Year 10 students embarked on a 3-day adventure to Tailem Bend.

They participated in a variety of different activities including a tour of the motorsport park, mini golf, kayaking, raft building, group games and initiatives, quiz night, and a dinner at Rydge's Pit Lane.

The highlight of the trip was go-karting at 'The Bend'.



STRAWBERRY GUM

The end of Term One saw opportunities for growing our community connections and friendships.

Students across R-2 and Year 3-5 participated in a lunch catch-up late in the term with each other and Mrs McDonnell. These lunch catch-ups are a good opportunity for us to talk about our day and plan for future activities.

On these particular days, we looked at the story of Craitbul and we used Aunty Michelle Jacquelin-Furr's interactive map that she designed especially to tell the story.

Late in Term 1 students from Years 6-12 enjoyed a visit from our Indigenous Student mentor, Sara, who visited from Adelaide. After some discussion time we ventured to a nearby playground to share some food and finish our day together on Country.

We received a generous donation of Strawberry gum from StrawberryGum.com.au. The ground Strawberry Gum can be used in desserts, particularly where vanilla might otherwise be used. The Strawberry Gum tea flakes can be combined with an existing tea blend or can be savoured on their own. We look forward to including these ingredients in future recipes and thank StrawberryGum.com.au for sharing these with us.

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YEAR 11 CAMP

In Week 3, the Year 11 students attended the annual tertiary education camp in Adelaide. The camp gives students the opportunity to find out a bit more about university options and to see campuses, accommodation and support services firsthand.

It was a busy week and both camp groups were blessed with excellent weather, which was very helpful as there was quite a bit of walking to do. On the first day, we travelled to Flinders University for a short presentation, tour and practically focussed workshops. Later on in the day there was plenty of energy expended at Bounce. The day ended at the campsite with students enjoying a pizza dinner.

On the second day, it was off to UniSA to view the campus at City East, and to find out more about what's involved in making the decision to study at university. Then it was on to the University of Adelaide to find out about course offerings and for a tour of the main buildings and student facilities. At each of the universities, we were able to hear from current students about their experiences, which was a great way for our students to get information firsthand.

On the second evening, we were hosted by Lincoln College, Aquinas College and St Marks for dinner and a tour. These visits were a great way to see what residential college life was all about and students were excited to meet up with several Old Scholars who shared their stories. And if that doesn't sound like enough, there was time for shopping, a trip on the tram to Glenelg and an obligatory visit to the Adelaide Central Market. Thank you to Flinders University, UniSA, the University of Adelaide, Lincoln College, Aquinas College and St Marks College for their time and their hospitality.



ROSTRUM VOICE OF YOUTH COMPETITION

On Wednesday May 10, students competed in the annual Rostrum Voice of Youth competition. This year, sixteen students from our region competed on the night, and ten of them were from St Martins.

Participants had to write a prepared speech of 6 minutes. They were given a range of topics, and spent weeks doing research, finding information about their chosen field. The group of Year 7 and 9 students attended a workshop in Term 1 as well as many other meetings with Miss Van der Berg. The Year 7 and 9 English teachers also put in a lot of work to support our students.

The competition also requires contestants to write a 3 minute speech on the night. Students are given 3 topics to choose from and 15 minutes to plan this short speech. This year the topics were "Ups and downs", "Time for me" and "Peer pressure". Our students faced this challenge courageously, delivering inspiring messages to the audience.

While only one winner is chosen from each heat, the organisers of the competition also choose "wild card" entries. Emma Johnson in Year 9 was identified as one of these entries and will be competing in the semi-final competition in Adelaide on May 27.

Special thanks to Mrs. Quintel and Pastor Jon for coming along and watching the students! All our competitors were fantastic ambassadors for St Martin's Lutheran College and we look forward to sharing their future achievements.

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.



YEAR 9 CAMP

In Week 3, the Year 9 cohort travelled to the Grampians in Victoria for a fun-filled 3-day camp.

The group stayed at the Tandara Lutheran camp site, and were lucky enough to participate in a range of outdoor activities in the beautiful surroundings.

Students were divided into four groups and rotated through the activities, which included mini golf, high ropes challenges, kayaking on Lake Fyans and climbing to Boronia Peak.



THE BEND PEDAL PRIX

On May 19 and 20, the St Martins Pedal Prix Teams travelled to "The Bend" for the second round of the UniSA Australian HPV Super Series.

The 6-hour event saw three teams from the College compete. As the chequered flag fell, team "Carbonated" finished fourth (51 overall) in the S2 category!

"Anything but Orange" completed the six hours in 23rd (73 overall) in the S2 category, while "WarWar" finished in 23rd place (103 overall) in the S3 category!

Congratulations to all the students, parent-volunteers and staff that made the considerable trek to Tailem Bend to support St Martins Pedal Prix



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WRITING COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations to Year 10 Student Ari Drexler for winning the Mount Gambier Library's writing competition.

The competition was apart of the Youth Week program, where youth were encouraged to submit a short story they were proud of or an essay important to them, with the winning prize being a brand new Lenovo 14-inch laptop.

Ani's entry is an 18 page first chapter, No Way Back, from her fan fiction story based on a video game called Dark Deception



SPEEDY SLOTH RACE

On Wednesday May 24, Junior School students enjoyed The Great St Martins 'Dress Up' Relay Race.

Student sloths gathered at the start line and ran to the finish...putting dress up items on slowly, like Spike in this year's chosen book, "The Speedy Sloth" by Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie

A lot of fun was had by all and we certainly saw the themes within the book demonstrated in the students actions: Be Resilient, Try your best, Be Brave, Be Kind, Encouraging Others, Persevere, Try something new, Have A Go!!

UNCLE KEN CATCH-UP

Sara, our Indigenous Secondary Student Mentor, visited from Adelaide on Friday May 19, and we were joined by Uncle Ken Jones who yarned with us in an after-lunch catch-up.



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GERMAN FOOD CULTURE

Year 9/10 German students recently learned to make Apfel Strudel. They did a fabulous job of creating the apple/spice mixture and wrapping it in layers of filo pastry to make the traditional Apfel Strudel shape.

Of course, they enjoyed eating their creations with lashings of cream once they were cooked.



CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday May 12, nearly 60 students took the trip up to Naracoorte to compete in the SAPSASA Cross Country, held at Naracoorte Primary School.

Congratulations to all competitors that battled their way through the course, and to those who managed to be selected to compete in the next stage of the competition.



MOTHERS DAY BUNNINGS VISIT

For Mother's Day, Bunnings Activity Organisers, Hannah and Tracey came to the College and designed a unique hands-on experience for our students.

The Year 3 classes had the opportunity to create a 'String Art Heart' for their Mum! Using a wooden board, hammer and nails, students created a love heart shape, then weaved coloured wool around nails, then decorated their wooden design with paint and stickers!



AFTER SCHOOL PLAYDATE

On Friday May 12, our Parents and Friends Committee hosted an after school playdate for our Reception to Year 4 parents and students.

They provided a sausage sizzle, and games across the Junior School area, like Table Tennis, Footy and more.

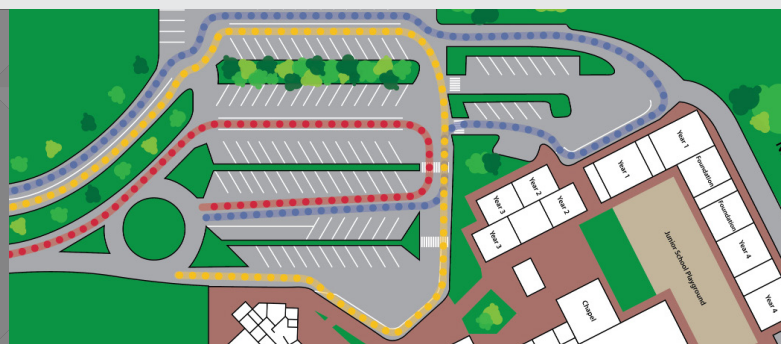
It was great to see so many parents, and a huge thank you to the PnF Committee for running the event.



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.



UPCOMING DATES

Friday, May 26

- National Sorry Day
- Veta Morphus Retreat (26/5 - 28/5)

- WEEK 5 NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Wednesday, May 31

- Interschool Cross Country

Thursday, June 1

- Year 7/8 Girls and Boys Basketball @ Wulanda Recreation Centre

Friday, June 2

- Year 9-12 Drama Performace @ Wehl St Theatre

Tuesday, June 6

- Year 12 Bushwalking Camp (6/6 - 8/6)

Wednesday, June 7

- **HOUSE DAY**
- Year 7/8 Boys Soccer @ Grant Highschool

Monday, June 12

- **PUBLIC HOLIDAY - KING'S BIRTHDAY**

Tuesday, June 13

- **STUDENT FREE DAY**

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Tuesday 30th May
LOCATION: Mt Gambier
20 Places | 09.30-16.00

Tool Skills Day

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- > Positive Psychology & Human skills
- > An exploration of trades-based careers pathways into one forty one - including hearing from women in trades at OneFortyOne.
- > Hands-on sessions: Manufacture your own electrical extension lead & explore the use of thermography (infrared imaging)
- > Opportunities to apply for open roles

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