



The Spirit

St Martins Lutheran College Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Nurturing the St. Martin's Spirit

As we embark on this exciting journey together, I am delighted to introduce myself to you all. My name is Celia Mara, and I am the new Deputy Principal here at St Martins. With a heart filled with anticipation and a deep sense of responsibility, I am eager to collaborate with each of you in nurturing an environment where the St Martins' Spirit thrives.

In the book of Isaiah, we find solace in the verse: "But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." These words, I believe, resonate deeply in a learning community

— a collective of students, staff, parents, guardians, and supporters—united in our commitment to growth and excellence.

Our journey thus far in 2024 has been marked by memorable "firsts" in this school year, that exemplify the essence of the St Martins' Spirit. From the commissioning of our new school leaders, both staff and students, and our new teaching and support staff, to the transformative Year 12 retreat in the tranquil setting of Robe; our Junior School parent information evening for Reception parents presenting our new highly evidenced-based Initial Lit reading program, which underscores our dedication to providing the best possible educational experiences for our students. Further, we have experienced the echoes of joy and camaraderie at our Secondary swimming carnival, coupled with the solemn reflections of our Ash Wednesday Service, serve as poignant reminders of the importance of unity and spiritual renewal within our community. We have also had the honour of hosting the Interschool Swimming Carnival last week. This event not only showcased our dedication to athletic excellence but also provided an opportunity for us to extend our warm hospitality to neighbouring schools, fostering a sense of unity and collaboration.

Guided by the pillars of the St Martins' Spirit, let us continue to navigate this year with purpose and intention. May our actions be rooted in faith, our words infused with hope, and our interactions steeped in encouragement and respect. Let compassion be our guiding light, nurturing a culture of inclusivity and understanding, and may growth be the fruit of our collective efforts.

I look forward to embarking on this journey and may this year be filled with countless opportunities for us to cultivate peace within ourselves and extend it to others, creating a nurturing environment where every individual can thrive.

Celia Mara | Deputy Principal

SWIMMING CARNIVALS

It was a massive week in the pool for St Martins last week, with students breaking records in the College Swimming Carnival on Thursday and taking out some events in the Interschool Swimming Carnival on Friday.

Students were fortunate to have perfect weather for their Middle and Senior School Carnival on Thursday 15 February, and again on the Friday for the Interschool event – which St Martins also hosted at Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre.

Livingston emerged as the College house champions, clinching the overall victory to take home the shield. Among the great efforts from our Middle and Senior School students, 15 records were broken across the strokes and ages.



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YEAR 12 RETREAT

Our Senior students enjoyed a two-day getaway in Robe, departing the campus on Thursday morning 9 February and returning the following afternoon.

The retreat at Robe's Tarooki Campsite was a special opportunity to refresh, bond with each other, and get ready for the year ahead through a series of seminars.

Our Class of 2024 enjoyed reading a letter from a special person in their life, sharing affirmations with each other, and of course some great food.



ASH WEDNESDAY

From Director of Ministry Wesley Olivier:

Good day St Martins family.

As we continue wrestling with our theme A Time for Peace, and how we can find Peace with God. Last week we considered that we can experience peace when we know that God is trustworthy. This tied-in with our celebration of Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. As we looked at Jesus entering the wilderness, we see that through His unwavering trust in God, He was able to face all challenges and temptations. This week we are recognising that one of the traits of God we can trust in, is His immense generosity. We are assured that God's love is not earned, and that what God wants from us is simply to know His love, because He is generous with His love. In fact, God being both trustworthy and generous reveals to us that our God is an intimate God. How wonderful is that!

Faith in grace,

Wesley

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NOORLA YO-LONG

Our Year 6s always love going to Noorla Yo-Long Adventure Camp in Term 1, developing their trust, communication, problem solving and leadership skills through various obstacle challenges and high ropes courses.

Even Basil our Story Dog came along to help some of our more nervous climbers feel calm (worth noting that Basil did not partake in the high ropes).

A big thank you to the awesome crew at Rendelsham!



CHINESE NEW YEAR

Ms Ding's Year 8 Chinese class has had lots of fun exploring the important traditional Chinese New Year festival (which fell on the 10 February) since the start of the new school year.

Students learned about how Chinese people celebrate the festival through photos and videos contributed by Ms. Ding's family in China.

This week students made and tasted their own dumplings to celebrate!



DRUG EDUCATION

In Week 4 we had Independent Drug Education Australia visit the College to give a series of year group tailored presentations.

Our Year 8-10 students learned about vaping, alcohol prevention and harm, drugs and the law.

The key aim was to provide students with skills and strategies they can use to protect themselves and their friends in situations.

Survey responses highlighted positive norms, such as many young people choosing not to drink alcohol, and that most have never used illegal drugs.



NOTICE BOARD

Latest notices and community events

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

TERM PLANNER

Keep updated with the upcoming College events

Please [click here](#) to access the College Term Planner for all important dates and upcoming events.

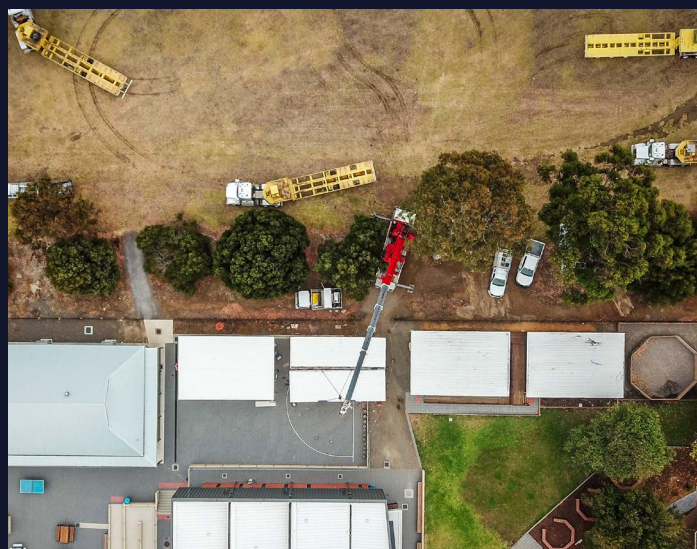
WORKS CONTINUE

It's been construction central in Week 4 with our new classrooms airlifted in and the hardcourts roof going up early Wednesday morning.

The two additional transportable classrooms installed on Tuesday 20 February will provide additional learning spaces to allow for the new construction of our music refurbishment and the Senior School Hub build.

Our new Music centre will include a raised stage, musical storage, individual instrumental learning rooms & staff office space.

Meanwhile, we're excited to see the four undercover hardcourts become a vibrant, sun-safe space for our students to play for many years to come.



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SHROVE TUESDAY

The smell of pancakes wafted through the College on Tuesday 13 February as we celebrated Shrove Tuesday.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Halloran's lucky Year 3 students spent the morning cooking and decorating, before enjoying their delicious pancakes.

Shrove Tuesday marks the final day before we enter the season of lent on Ash Wednesday.



ARTWORK SELECTED

Year 12 student Angas Patterson's artwork has been selected for the 2024 SACE Art Show in Adelaide's Light Square Gallery.

Angas' extremely detailed ink on scroll piece is one of just 129 pieces from across South Australian schools selected to exhibit.

Angas also co-won 'Best in Show' at last year's St Martins Art Show, alongside Best Drawing.



LIBRARY LOVERS WEEK

In Week 2 we celebrated Library Lovers Week with our dedicated library team creating various exciting displays for our students. The library was full of excitement during the lunchtime activities as students embraced their love of reading.

Another exciting area of our library is the Further Education and Careers display, which has been freshly updated with 2024 course offerings.



BOANDIK BUDDIES

Our new Year 5 cohort enjoyed their first Boandik Buddies excursion on Wednesday 14 February.

After several years off due to COVID and mandatory flu injections, St Martins resumed its visits to Boandik's Crouch Street site in September last year to spend some quality time with residents.

Students will visit three times a term, engaging in a variety of activities with their new friends.



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, February 23

- SRC, MS & SS House Captains Installed at Worship

Monday, February 26

- Year 9/10 Cricket @ BLSP

Tuesday, February 27

- NAPLAN Coordinated Practice Test
- SS 'In Your Skin' Presentations

Wednesday, February 28

- Year 7-10 Public Speaking Workshop
- SESSA D Grade Swimming in Adelaide

Friday, March 1

- Year 6 6H Noorla Yo-Long
- Veta Morphus Retreat

Monday, March 3

- MS/SS Sports Day 1

Tuesday, March 3

- MS/SS Sports Day 2

Wednesday, March 6

- House Day
- Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp
- Lockdown Drill
- Year 11&12 Drama Camp in Adelaide
- Year 5 Boandik Buddies

Friday, March 8

- JS Sports Day



Football South Australia Holiday Clinics are held across various locations, both metro and regionally, to help boys and girls aged between 5-16. The purpose: to develop functional game skills including first touch, striking the ball, running with the ball and 1 v 1.

Visit footballsouth.com.au/school-holiday-football-camps

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