



The Spirit

St Martins Lutheran College Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY



Finding Peace in God's Love

Greetings St Martins Family.

I am very thankful to have the opportunity to be the new Director of Ministry at this wonderful school. It is wonderful to have joined Trish and Isaac Bruggemann as part of the ministry team, with the purpose of maintaining the worship life of the school. St Martins has created a weekly school rhythm that is based on devotion and worship for the purpose of placing God first in all that we do. As the ministry team, not only do we want to maintain this devotion and worship rhythm, but we also want to create opportunities for everyone to have the chance to

develop and grow their own personal relationship with God. My hope is that each student and staff member will hear and embrace the ultimate truth about our Christian faith which is – **God is Love.**

For me, if we trust in and try to live out the teaching of 1 John 4 v 16, which says: **“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them”**, I believe we are on the right road towards finding deeper peace for this school community and our world.

Already, I am privileged to have seen how God's love makes itself real from the type of engagements I get to witness at St Martins. Whether that be the way staff treat students; how our kids joyfully embraced being part of our school athletics carnival this week; watching the year 4s making Lemon Myrtle Bliss Balls for indigenous cooking lessons; the collective celebration of new babies being welcomed to friends on staff; or just the general spirit of friendliness that can be felt on campus. May we continue to grow this spirit of love within our school, so that it can make a difference in each person's life and within the wider community.

School is far more than just a place where we learn facts and figures, which is obviously important. However, it is also a place where character can be formed, integrity can be encouraged, and compassion can be taught to become an intentional part of how we live. Therefore, guided by God's great love for us, let us all make St Martins a community that is more than just a place of academic learning, but also a community of love that teaches us how to become whom God created us to be. If we can get this right success in all other areas of school life - from academic to cultural and sports - will naturally follow.

May you each have a wonderful long weekend filled with fun and adventure, but most of all with moments where you get to experience and share God's love.

Faith in Grace

Wesley Olivier | Director of Ministry

MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

Livingston go two for two after claiming their second shield at the Middle and Senior School Athletics Day!

A warm day made for an exciting competition between the house teams! Scores were close, with the lead changing throughout the day but Livingston proved to strong taking it out with a 118 point lead.

Our students were fuelled by the smell of the sausage sizzle run by the College's Parents and Friends, while parents and spectators enjoyed hot beverages from the Espresso coffee van.

Congratulations to all of the students for their participation and sportsmanship throughout the events.

Age Champions

Under 13

Roxy Buck
Elijah Loef

Under 14

Winnie Zadow
Baiden Mason

Under 15

Jorja Glynn
Leslie Jagger

Under 16

Elisabeth Benny
Shakira Nyari-Rowley
Christopher Mossford-
MacGregor

Under 20

Lauren Van Eeden
Harry Gibbs

Record Breakers

Joshua Cameron
Lily Clifford-Finch
Harry Gibbs
Jobe Harten
Jai Hillstone
Leslie Jagger
Steph Jagger
Sarah Johns
Layla McPherson
Christopher Mossford-
MacGregor
Isobel Thompson
Winnie Zadow



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PLAYGROUP KINDERGARTEN
BEFORE & AFTER KINDY CARE

2023 DUX PRESENTATION

It was a big morning in Worship on Friday 23 February, as we presented Jack Unger - last year's top performing academic Year 12 student - his DUX award.

A big thank you to Michael Hillstone and Green Triangle Electronics for your generous support of the award and presenting it today.

A fantastic achievement! All the very best Jack.



MINISTRY REPORT

Good day St. Martins family.

God CANNOT stop loving you, because of God's great love for you!

This was our week 5 message that 7W so wonderful shared with everyone at our Friday worship. By using storybooks, posters, and poetry, they helped make the point that because God is love, God's love is not conditional nor based on their behaviour. We are loved by God regardless of if we get good grades, win the race, behave the best, or act perfectly. Using the Prodigal Son parable (Luke 15) we see that Jesus shared that God even loves deeply those who reject Him. God knows our short-comings and still chooses to love us!

This week as we get ready for the long weekend we consider that for us to live within God's love, we must slow the pace of our lives and become aware of the here and now. Don't live in such a rush that we miss God's love right in front of you.

Have a great long weekend everybody!

Faith in Grace,
Wesley



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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.



SSSA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last week, 27 Secondary students made waves at the SSSA Swimming Championships in Adelaide!

Competing against 9 schools from across South Australia in the D grade competition, our team showed true sportsmanship and skill, clinching a fantastic 5th place overall finish.

Our boys and girls also shone individually, securing 5th place in the boys' division and 7th place in the girls' division.

Their dedication was truly remarkable, with many stepping up to swim in higher age groups to ensure we filled as many events as possible.

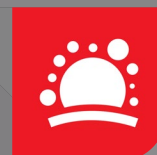
A massive congratulations to our swimmers, coaches, and proud supporters!



CARDS BY LITTLE HANDS

Our Junior School students (also known as 'Little Hands') have been busy creating beautiful heartfelt cards for Meals on Wheels SA to distribute to its Mount Gambier clients on their birthdays.

As well as in class, students have been meeting up at lunch on Tuesdays to design them.



A NOTE ABOUT NAPLAN

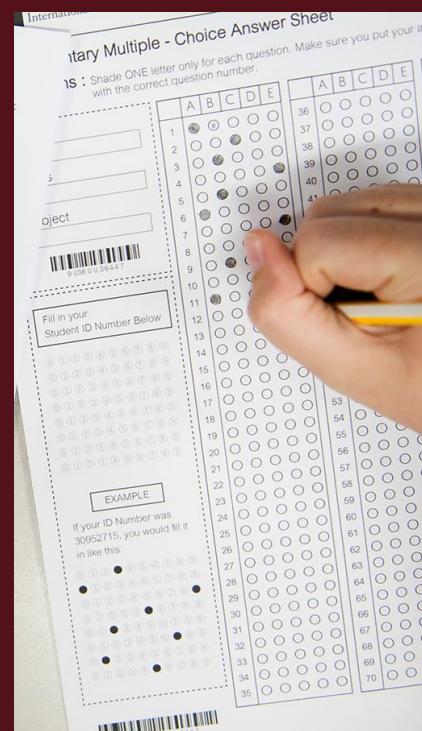
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be participating in their NAPLAN assessments in weeks 7 and 8 (March 13th to 22nd). The tasks will generally be done in their class groups, and we run catch up sessions for students who are absent on a given day.

At St Martins we try to take a balanced approach to the assessments. Students are encouraged to do their very best, as the results are valuable to our teachers as they plan for learning in the second half of this year and into next. At the same time, however, we do not want students to become overly anxious about NAPLAN. This is a fine line to walk, as we have some students who do need to take the tasks more seriously, whilst others need to not worry so much. We appreciate support from home on this, as you know your children best, and can support them as they need.

For their NAPLAN assessments, students in Years 7 and 9 will need to have a set of headphones (not wireless) at school for the testing weeks. It is also important that our Year 7 and 9 students ensure that their Chromebooks come to school fully charged, to reduce extra stress on test days from an uncharged device. Year 5 students will use their in-class Chromebooks for NAPLAN, whilst Year 3 will do a pencil and paper writing test and then use the computers in the Digi Tech room for their online tests.

Many thanks for your support as our students do their NAPLAN.

Andrew Meier | Data and Testing Coordinator



PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS



Former St Martins student and prolific performer Meagan Andrews (nee Pfeiler) is bringing a workshop program and live show event to our St Martins campus as part of the 2024 Mount Gambier Fringe Festival.

Registrations are now open for the four-day *TO THE STAGE Industry Intensive Program* for students aged 7 and up. Participants will learn from and perform alongside interstate professionals in the performing arts industry through an intensive workshop setting. There is a Junior and Senior workshop, featuring acting, singing and dancing elements.

It will run across two weekends and include a concert performance at the Wehl Street Theatre on the final day, showcasing the students work.

Key Details:

23-24 March & 6 April - St Martins Lutheran College Campus
7 April - Wehl Street Theatre

Visit www.gemnmeg.com.au/industryintensive for more information, to see the workshop timetable, register your student(s) and purchase showcase tickets.



COLLEGE SUPERVISION

Student safety is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care for students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision arrangements before and after school.

The College provides supervision from 8:15 am before school and until 3:30 pm after school. We ask that parents **do not** drop off their children before 8:15 am and ensure they are collected before 3:30 pm unless other arrangements have been made with the College. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for helpers to assist at the P&F (Parents & Friends) Barbecue for the Junior School Sports Day on Friday 8 March.

We are looking for helpers between 8:30am to 2:30pm.

Please email if you can help, with preferred time available to assist.

parentsandfriends@stmartins.sa.edu.au

Marita Vivian | Parents & Friends Committee



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.

Well done Angas! What an amazing achievement.



YEAR 9/10 BOYS CRICKET

Our Year 9/10 Boys Cricket team took on Millicent High School and Tenison Woods College on Monday 26 February for the T20.

The Saints managed to beat Millicent High's total with just two overs to go, while they narrowly lost to Tenison Woods College earlier in the day.

Evan Clark topped our batting efforts with 29 runs against Tenison, while Josh Vanderhorst bowled 3/6.

This photo was captured just moments after Ryan Angelino took a screamer of a catch against Tenison.



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ROSTRUM WORKSHOP

On Thursday 28 February, an enthusiastic group of students participated in an all day public speaking workshop at school. It was organised to prepare students for entry into the first heat of the annual national Rostrum Voice of Youth competition which takes place in Mount Gambier next term.

Students started the day analysing an example of an effective speech before planning their own speeches. They then spent the afternoon creating short notice speeches and considering suitable techniques to include in their work. We look forward to hearing how they fare at the competition!



SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our efforts to support all students, the College employs a consulting Speech Pathologist, Heather Cary.

As teachers collect testing and screening data throughout the year, we may share information and results with Heather to enable us to work with students effectively.

If you have any questions or concerns about this information being shared, Jo Patterson (Junior School Learning Enrichment Coordinator) is more than happy to have a chat – via email jpatterson@stmartins.sa.edu.au or by ringing the Front Office.

Thank you!

Jo Patterson | Junior School Learning Enrichment Coordinator

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Friday 1 March, three of our Senior Leaders attended the Youth Leadership Academy Australia Conference in Adelaide.

The students were inspired to step outside their comfort zone, to take a chance and to see age as no barrier to achievement. Throughout the day students heard the personal stories of a number of presenters.

We hope those involved will be empowered to create positive change in our College.



YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Few better ways to spend a 36 degree day!

Our Year 3 students kept cool with a day at Millicent Swimming Lake on Wednesday 21 February.

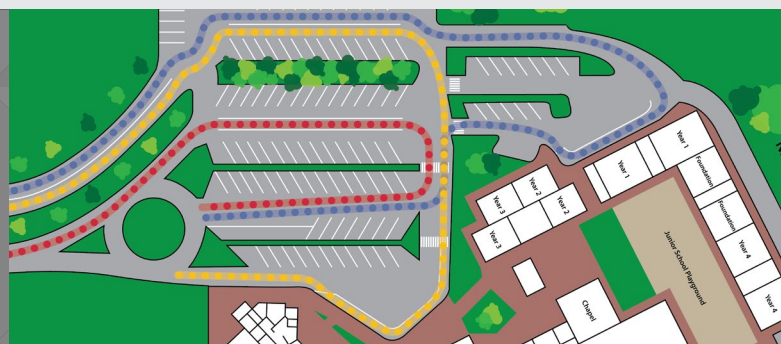
Thanks to our older St Martins students, certified lifeguards, who came to keep everyone safe.



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.



LEMON MYRTLE AND FRUIT BLISS BALLS

This morning, our Year 4 students cooked up some delicious Lemon Myrtle and Fruit Bliss Balls.

The students really enjoyed spending time in the kitchen completing a fun cooking activity that used ingredients from our Bush Tucker garden.

If you would like to try these tasty treats at home, you can find the full recipe on our Facebook page.



AISSA LEADING LEARNING DAY

Leaders in industry and curriculum gathered at St Peter's College, Adelaide, South Australia last Friday for the AISSA Leading Learning for Impact Reference Group Leaders Day.

It was a great opportunity for curriculum leaders to inspire, challenge and collaborate around our shared goal to lift outcomes for young people.

We were fortunate to hear from educational thought leaders Dylan William and Rydr Tracy. Drawing on their research with a global evidence base and audiences.

Thank you to the AISSA for organizing the day and to all who attended for your invaluable contributions.

Celia Mara | Deputy Principal



PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

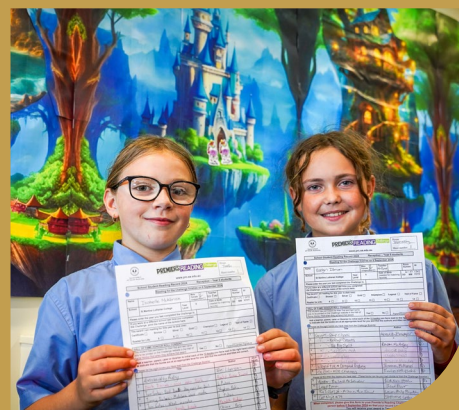
The Premiers Reading Challenge is in full swing and runs simultaneously with House Competitions. Each time a student brings a completed Premiers Reading Challenge Reading Record Sheet (recording all Books read at home).

Students come to the library and hand it in, pick up a new blank sheet and

- Choose a Magical Character to add to the Magical Scene.
- Their name goes up on the Magical Scene
- They get points for their HOUSE.

Until 6 September Students will see their House Team's STARS grow and sparkle as their Premiers Reading Challenge Reading Record Sheets come in. Any questions please feel free to email library@stmartins.sa.edu.au or call 8725 1430.

Kelly Lynch | Teacher Librarian



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UPCOMING DATES

Friday, 8 March

- JS Sports Day
- Yr 11&12 Drama Camp
- Yr 12 Outdoor Education Camp

Monday, 11 March

- Public Holiday

Tuesday, 12 March

- Student Free Day

Wednesday, 13 March

- Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Camp
- NAPLAN begins (first of nine days)

Thursday, 14 March

- Yr 11 Tourism Trip to Beachport

Friday, 15 March

- South East Field Days
- Worship will be held on the oval

Saturday, 16 March

- HPV Round 1 @ Mount Gambier
- South East Field Days

Monday, 18 March

- Harmony Week

Tuesday, 19 March

- SS PARTY Program
- Yr 12 University of Adelaide Presentation

Wednesday, 20 March

- Secondary Interschool Athletics @ Tenison Woods College
- Twilight Tours (4.30pm and 6.30pm)

Thursday, 21 March

- Harmony Horas Casual Day - Gold Coin Donation. Dress in red/black/white/orange
- Yr 9B Outdoor Education Camp

Thursday, 28 March

- Early Dismissal (2:15pm)

VETAMORPHUS RETREAT

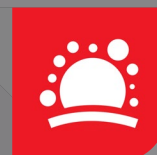
Last weekend, the St Martins Vetamorphus class went on the first of three retreats. The retreat was held in Mylor just outside of Adelaide, it was made up of half of the schools from across South Australia that offer the Vetamorphus course (Tribe B). There was a total of 116 students who attended the retreat, and we were given the opportunity to meet and get to know the other students from our tribe.

The main focus of the retreat was looking into the bible and the different ways we can analyse and interpret it. The guest speaker of the weekend was a theology lecturer from the University of Tabor, Melinda. She shared different ways of looking at the bible, as well as several historical and scientific studies and research about the history of the bible.

Throughout the weekend there were several worship sessions that were student-led and were an incredible time of fellowship and connection between all of the students. These times included moments of energy and enthusiasm as well as moments of deeper spiritual connection and reflection.

Our class cannot wait for the second retreat in May, where we will be travelling to Adelaide.

Josh | Vetamorphus Student



NATIONAL CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

College Captain, Niel van Niekerk, recently competed in the National Track Cycling Championships in Brisbane. Niel won gold alongside his teammates in the 'Team Sprint' event.

Going up against some of the best Cyclists in Australia, Niel qualified 4th in the Time Trial, placed 7th for the Flying 200 and 7th also in the Keirin Race.

Congratulations Niel on such fantastic results!



INDIGENOUS STUDENT MENTOR PROGRAM



The College's Indigenous Secondary Student Mentor Program has recommence for 2024.

Students from Years 6 to 12 involved in the Indigenous Mentor Program visited the Conservation Park recently to spend time on Country with Mentor, Sara.

We were also excited to have Uncle Ken Jones spend the day with us.

Allie McDonnell | R-12 Indigenous Education Coordinator

BOANDIK BUDDIES

Creating connections that span generations!

Our 'Boandik Buddies' program is in full swing again for 2024. Every second Wednesday, students dedicate their lunch break to visiting the residents at Boandik Lodge Crouch Street.

Each visit forms heart warming bonds between the buddies. Today's topic of conversation was all about technology. The students brought in their Chromebooks to show the residents, sparking some adorable conversations about the evolution of the blackboard in classrooms. The students then tried to explain the new age of interactive 'smart' boards.

These visits are truly special!



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Collection Notice for parents/guardians

2024 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education (the department) would like to notify you that we have requested for your child's school to provide residential address and other information.

Under the Australian Education Regulations 2023, the school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- names and residential addresses of the student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- student residential address (**excluding student names**)
- whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

The school collects the above information by generating a **unique and unidentifiable** student reference number (SRN) for each student record. The school only uses the SRN for this collection. **The SRN cannot be used for any other purpose.** The number only indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected is used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data to calculate a non-government school community's anticipated capacity to contribute to schooling costs.

In 2020, the department introduced a new measure of capacity to contribute: the Direct Measure of Income (DMI). The DMI is based on the median income of non-government school students' parents or guardians using the collection data. For more information see [Direct Measure of Income \(DMI\) Methodology](#).

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (the Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with the Privacy Act, the *Australian Education Act 2013* and Australian Education Regulations 2023.

Your personal information provided to the department through the collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Find more information about MADIP on the ABS website [MADIP page](#)
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may audit a school's collection submission. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the student enrolment information. The contracted auditor will not use the information for any other purpose

- disclosed to our service providers for the purpose of providing the department with information and communications technology support
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

Find the department's privacy policy on the [Department of Education](#) website which includes information on:

- how individuals can access and modify personal information held by the department
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The current version is available on the [2018 Student Residential Address Collection: Additional Required information Privacy Impact Assessment web page](#).

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the department with the requested details; however, you can contact the school to update your family's details.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#).