



The Spirit

St Martins Lutheran College Newsletter

Term 1 Week 10 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our Rite Journey Programme



I recently attended training for the Rite Journey, a wellbeing programme we deliver with our Year 9 students. We have been delivering the Rite Journey since 2019 and have found it quite transformative at this key age.

The basic premise of the Rite Journey is that we have lost rites of passage in our western culture, particularly rites of passage that make it clear to young people that they are no longer children, but seen as adults in our community. Cultures for centuries have undertaken ceremonies, and created scenarios that make it clear to the young people they are now viewed as adults and need to start behaving as an adult.

In our western world, this lack of rites of passage often leads to young people creating their own rites of passage (drinking, sexual behaviours, risk-taking etc) that they think signify that they are adults. Obviously the behaviours they often choose are unhealthy or even dangerous. Another consequence of not making it clear to young people that they are now adults, with responsibilities, is that we see people living at home with their parents (with their parents still essentially treating them like children) until long after they should have been living and operating independently.

I feel we have seen a significant improvement in our Year 9's since we started the Rite Journey. The students don't always look on it positively as there is quite a bit of time spent discussing students' feelings, experiences and their thoughts on a variety of issues and topics. The boys in particular can find this difficult. I suspect that it's one of those things that at some point in the future they will understand had an impact on them that they didn't realise at the time.

One of the biggest positives with the three lessons a week we spend with the Year 9's is it's a time where they have an adult who is totally focused on listening to them, trying to understand their viewpoint and care for them as a human, not just a person we're trying to shove learning into. The teachers genuinely try to get to know the young person as part of the journey of the year.

Likewise we have just been through a time of the year that emphasises God's love for us and the fact he tried to meet us where we are. The relationship had been broken between God and humans, but God sent Jesus to earth to meet us on our level, to experience our human experience, and ultimately to die on the cross as atonement, and restore our relationship with Him.

"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." John 3:16

Damian Bradley | Head of Middle School Wellbeing

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our 59 Athletes that competed in the 79th Annual Interschool Athletics Carnival at Tenison Woods College.

This year our St Martins team finished in 3rd place overall, which is the highest finish the College has ever achieved. St Martins also took out the Handicap Trophy which demonstrates the teams improvement over the last three years.

It was great to see many St Martins students on the podium throughout the day, and a special mention must go to Joshua Cameron for breaking a record in the U15 Boys 1500m which had stood for over 30 years! After this event the team headed off to Adelaide to compete in the School Sport SA Track and Field Championships at SA Athletics Stadium.



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CASUAL CLOTHES FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

In celebration of Harmony Week, on Thursday 21 March our students wore black, red, white or orange for the College's Horas Fundraiser. The gold coin donations collected will assist our partner school in Indonesia with resources, teaching and learning facilities.

Horas is a traditional Batak word used to express gratefulness, happiness, and healthiness. It is commonly used as a simple greeting.



MINISTRY REPORT

Good day St. Martins family.

God gave up everything, except His great love for us!

Last week at worship we showed gratitude for God's self-sacrifice for us, at our special Maundy Thursday service. Through their dignified manner our school captains helped strip the alter as a way of teaching us that after all is gone in life, only God's love will remain.

Through His never ceasing love Jesus shows us a way of living that even death cannot take away from us. This week with 7P we will celebrate how living Jesus' way, can and will bring about new life into all our situations of darkness and death - in the most surprising ways. Our worship is focussed on finding a peace that comes only from a Jesus who is ALIVE! Who is still fully active in our lives and in the life of the world.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Faith in Grace
Wesley



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WALKING THE SEASONS EXCURSION

On Wednesday 3 March, our Year 7 students enjoyed an excursion to Honan's Native Forest Reserve. Following a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony with First Nations Elder Uncle Doug, students enjoyed two hour-long interactive sessions.

Uncle Doug taught the students about Indigenous Culture and the Seasonal Calendar and Damien and Vanessa from Landscape South Australia Limestone Coast took the groups on a nature walk, observing and identifying the Stringybark Woodland Habitat.



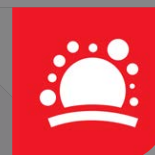
LIBRARY BOOK PROGRAM



We have had a fantastic response to our Birthday Book program so far this year. It has been great to see both Primary and Secondary students get involved. We would like to thank our students and parents for your generous support of this program. By donating a book in honour of your child's birthday, you have helped us build our collection. Students have enjoyed receiving their Birthday Book, be the first to borrow it, and then watch their friends borrow it after them. Your contributions means we have more new and current books to offer our students. It also enables us to offer books that our students have chosen and therefore would like to read. Together we are creating a positive and fun Reading Culture in our school.

The Birthday Book Program continues through the year and it is not too late to still get involved. Just send a book of your/ student's choice in to the library with your student's name, class and birthday, and we will present it to them closer to their birthday. Alternatively, if you would like more information email us at library@stmartins.sa.edu.au or talk to our friendly staff in the Library.

The Library Team



ATHLETICS TEAM PROMOTED AT STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to our Secondary Athletics Team who competed well in the School Sport SA D Grade Track and Field Championships in Adelaide.

Competing against nine other schools from across South Australia, our team finished in 2nd place overall. Our girls placed 3rd in their division and our boys took out the division, finishing in 1st place.

These strong results will see the St Martins Athletics Team promoted to the C grade competition for next year's Championships.

Whilst in Adelaide, the team had the privilege of attending a guided tour of the Adelaide Oval. Students were shown around the grounds which included access to the football changerooms, cricket changerooms, media bunker and the iconic scoreboard.



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MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Last Thursday, a special service for Maundy Thursday was ran by Wesley and the School Captains. Wesley delivered the message of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and reminded us of the importance of humility, selflessness, and service to others.

The service ended a little differently with The Stripping of the Altar and classes leaving in silence as a sign of respect.



YEAR 4 HERITAGE EXCURSION

Year 4s escape the classroom to connect with our country's Indigenous heritage.

In Week 8, the classes ventured to Port MacDonnell with Uncle Ken, who shared his Boandik knowledge with the group.

They spent time walking along the beach and collecting items of interest, before sculpting in the sand to show what they had learnt over the day.

As always, it wouldn't be a trip to the beach without a visit to the Fish and Chip shop for some hot chips before returning to town.



RECEPTION AND YEAR 12 EASTER TRAIL

On Tuesday 26 March, our Year 12 students buddied up with the Reception students for the annual Easter Trail. The students set out to find three Easter Symbols across the school: a cross, a flower and an Easter egg.



PALM CROSSES

In the lead up to Easter our Year 6 students have been crafty, making crosses from palms.

With Director of Ministry, Wesley Oliver, on supa-glue duty, the students set out to make 50 crosses to gift to the children of St Martin's Kindergarten.



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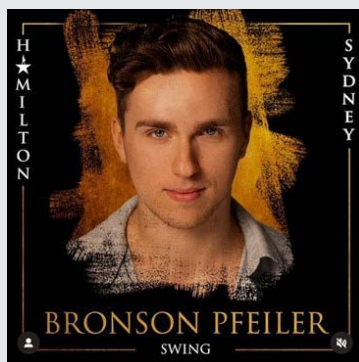


YEAR 6 PASSION PROJECTS

This term our Year 6 Students are engaging in passion projects with a focus on helping others, building connections and strengthening their service learning. Last week saw Easter crafts being created with students from Year 2 during their library lesson.



OLD SCHOLAR EXCELS ON STAGE



Former St Martins Student, Bronson Pfeiler, is proving the hard work is paying off, going straight into the Sydney Harbour open air spectacular, West Side Story.

Opening night will see him perform as Mouthpiece, a member of the White Jets gang.

Following from this it has also been announced that Bronson will join the cast of Hamilton when it comes to Sydney later this year.

YEAR 10 SERVICE LEARNING

In Year 10, students complete a unit about Service Learning in their Christian Studies lessons. This year, students spent some time in various parts of our school, helping members of staff.

Marianna Van der Berg | Middle/Senior School Teacher



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.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE



Black Dog Institute

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Last day of school
Friday, April 12th
1pm
Oval Side of the library
\$2.50 each

Come and support good mental health

All money raised goes to the Black Dog Institute



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Invitation to provide feedback

The College's Parent Code of Conduct is currently in review, which can be read [here](#). You are invited to provide any comments or feedback in relation to this document by emailing hr@stmartins.sa.edu.au by Friday 19 April 2024.



RECEPTION OPEN MORNING

Last week, our Reception classes were buzzing with activity with parents and guardians invited to visit their little one's classroom.

Students were excited to take the adults on tour, showing off their desks, favourite activities or books and what they've been working on.



GATHER AND GROW



GATHER + GROW

*A simple worship service for families
Sausage sizzle after the service*

**Sunday 7 April
5.00pm
St Martins Lutheran College**



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, 5 April

- Year 6 Musical Audition Day

Monday, 8 April

- Indigenous Mentor Program Visit
- BikeEd (Year 4-5)
- Year 9 Camp to Halls Gap
- SAPSASA Swimming Championships Adelaide

Tuesday, 9 April

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Thursday, 11 April

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Friday, 12 April

- **Early Dismissal, 2:15pm**
- Worship
- Sausage Sizzle, 1:00pm

Monday, 15 April - Friday 26 April

- School Holidays

Monday, 29 April

- Student Free Day

Tuesday, 30 April

- Term 2 Commences

Wednesday, 1 May

- NRL Rugby Clinics (Year 4-6)
- Year 2M Kindy Buddies
- Middle and Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews
- GIJ Workshop & Concert (Rehearsal 9am-2.30pm / Concert 6pm-7pm)

Thursday, 2 May

- Middle and Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews 3:40pm - 6pm
- Year 11 Road Awareness Program, 1:30pm

DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY

St Martins will be holding activities to mark Do It For Dolly Day in Week 3 of Term 2.

There will be a casual clothes day where we encourage students to wear blue and give a gold coin donation.

Do It For Dolly wrist bands are currently available for pre-order for \$5 each and these will be able to be worn to school throughout the week to show your support. There will also be blue iced donuts for sale during this week, as well as other activities.

Proceeds from activities and sales to be donated to the Dolly's Dream charity.

Please pre-order your Dolly's Dream wrist band on Qkr! by the end of Term 1.

About Dolly's Dream:

Sadly, around one in four Australian school children are bullied each year and around one in five are cyber bullied. Approximately 45 million bullying incidents take place in Australia's schools each year and it costs the community greatly. Your support and donations enable Dolly's Dream to continue to develop and provide vital bullying prevention and online safety programs to kids, families, schools and communities across Australia; equipping kids with the knowledge to overcome bullying and start to create a cultural shift across this country where kindness with each other and communication with our kids is the new norm.

"Speak even when your voice shakes"

