Dear Parents,

The children enjoyed two days of celebrating the Feast Day of St Martin de Porres last week.

After Mass in the morning, an Aboriginal Dance performance and workshop, a game of Irish Rounders against the teachers and an ice block, the children then went into an assembly with our special visitor – Matt Shirvington. Matt Shirvington presented the “Shirvington Shield” to Nicholas Ozaltin for his achievement of being the fastest 100 m runner in the school this year.

The children were treated to an inspiring talk from Matt about the importance of doing your absolute best at everything and that even 1% improvement can make a big difference. Matt Shirvington is always very generous with his visits to our school and has fond memories of his seven years of schooling at St Martin’s.

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Matt was also keen to help us promote the Bare Creek Trail Run – have you (and your team) signed up yet?


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The Family Mass and BBQ morning tea was a well-attended community event with Parishioners enjoying our beautiful grounds.

Congratulations to our Choir, Training Band and Concert Band for your performances at the Warringah Mall last Wednesday. We were very proud of you all. St Martin’s is very fortunate to have two enthusiastic and very talented conductors, Mrs Melinda Forster (choir) and Mrs Janella Fyfe (Bands and ensembles). Thank you to all the parents who supported our school with driving, supervision and cheering.

The Christmas Concert

It’s this Friday!

The children are counting down and it’s only two sleeps until the Christmas Concert on Friday 11 November. The children and Teachers have been working hard on the class performances and Christmas songs. We look forward to seeing everyone at this famous annual event.

Once again we will have a section for beach chairs on the pavers and picnic blankets on the grass so that everyone has a good view of our young performers.

Remember to bring your picnic and invite friends and family to this community carols event.
As we approach the conclusion of this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are reminded of what Pope Francis said in his initial announcement: “Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy.” (Misericordiae Vultus, 10)

As we celebrate Family Week this week and we are in the final week of the Year of Mercy, it is the ideal time to try and live out a “Random act of Mercy” ... maybe be more patient, say something kind or simply include someone.

I look forward to seeing you on Friday evening.

Kind regards,
Helen Leigh
Principal

Preparation for the Christmas Concert – Some Organisational Details

Please note that for the comfort of all families at the Christmas Concert –

- Please do not bring pets, razor scooters or skateboards.
- Please closely supervise younger children so that all can enjoy the performances of those children on the stage.
- Please supervise older children and reinforce that soccer is not to be played on the oval during the concert.
- Parents are responsible for the supervision of their own children on the night at the conclusion of the concert.
- All children will need to be taken to their classrooms by 5:45 pm at the latest, so that the concert can start at 6:00 pm. Parents can collect their young performers at the end of the concert from their classrooms after letting the Class Teacher know.
- Attached this week is the photography guidelines recently released from the Catholic Schools Office. Please be careful about only sharing photos of your child/ren.
- Kiss and Drop – once again we will be keeping the Kiss and Drop area as a no parking space so that children or picnic equipment can be dropped off before parking further away.
- Please contact the school if you can assist with directing parking and the “Kiss and Drop” traffic from 5:00 pm on Thursday evening. We will supply the high visibility vests.
- Gates open at 5pm.
INSPIRE Project Presentation: Yesterday, Miss Riley, Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Leigh and I presented our INSPIRE Project to the other INSPIRE schools at CSO. It was a fabulous chance to take stock of our amazing progress this year and the profound change that has occurred in the teaching and learning as we embrace the concept of “beyond the walls”.

Some of the ideas we have explored across the school this year include:

OUR CHALLENGE: How can we use our outdoor learning space to engage students as active learners who make thinking visible ‘beyond the walls’?

- 'beyond the walls’ of the classroom - utilising our outdoor learning spaces
- 'beyond the walls' of the classroom desk - utilising different environments for learning
- 'beyond the walls' of classes - students from different grades coming together for
- PBL Learning
- 'beyond the walls' of teacher directed learning - students taking responsibility for learning
- 'beyond the walls' of our school - utilising experts to teach alongside us
- 'beyond the walls' of our thinking - utilising visible thinking strategies and principles to enhance student understanding
- 'beyond the walls' of our resources - utilising technology to access a deeper understanding

Friday Assembly: The next formal assembly will be this Thursday, 17th November 2:00pm and will feature performances from our Band. Family and friends are most welcome to attend.

Christopher Biefeld
Assistant Principal

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St. Martin’s Feast Day

On Thursday 3rd November we celebrated the Feast of St. Martin. We began the day with a special celebration Mass with Fr. Jose and Father Michael. Thank you to all who helped prepare this wonderful Mass, particularly Mrs Godfrey and Year 5 for their reflection on the life of St. Martin and Mr Baker and the choir for leading us in song.

Following the Mass the students participated in a variety of ‘beyond the walls’ learning activities. We were privileged to experience the wisdom of an Aboriginal Cultural Dance group. It was a day when we paid respect to Our Saints and traditions that guide us. The Dance group brought the idea of respect for all of God’s Creation to life for us. We made connections with what the Pope is imploiring us to do through the Laudato Si document. It was a day that epitomised to me what life is about. We celebrated and paid respect to our traditions, heritage and elders. Whether that be our faith God, our saints as our guides, or for some, another spirit being or ‘way of being’.

We were reminded by one, who seemed wise beyond his years, that we are all one, of one being, rooted to the earth with one purpose.....that of love. The students were also able to meet Aboriginal perspective outcomes in our syllabus by gaining a deeper understanding of The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures; and the concepts of Country and Place, Identity and the links with their own Christian spirituality. On top of all that...what fun we had!

The following is a reflection from Year 6 student Ella Hemens:

On St. Martin’s Feast Day we were lucky to have Aboriginals teach us how to connect to the land through dance. It was a fun and interesting experience for everyone and we all would have remembered or felt inspired by different things. I thought the stomping of the feet was a really special and important thing to the Aboriginals and to us- it connected people to the land and is an important and sacred movement. This experience taught me how open and accepting Aboriginals are towards new ideas and things. When there was a new thing Aboriginals would make a ‘new circle’- they would accept and add a new circle representing the new thing to become part of their family. This taught me to accept and value everyone and everything. Since we were taught special Aboriginal dances I felt connected to the land and to the Aboriginal history and heritage. I wonder why some Aboriginals don’t hold any grudges against us?
PARISH FEAST CELEBRATION OF ST MARTIN DE PORRES Sunday 6th November

It was a very special day for the school and Parish on Sunday. The Mass was a beautiful celebration of our Patron Saint and the lessons we can learn from his example. It was a wonderful community effort between the Parish and the school as we joined together to honour this day. I thank all the Parishioners for their efforts to co-ordinate this celebration and all the staff for their support and presence on Sunday. A special thank you to Gabrielle Bragge for her flawless reading, the Arcus family for doing the offertory procession and for our enthusiastic welcomers!
PASTORAL CARE NEWS:

PBL

Positive Behaviours for Learning

A reminder that our three school rules are:

- Care for Learning
- Care for Self and Others
- Care for the Environment

Please take the time to discuss the school rules with your children this week.

This fortnight’s focus is:

- Use Kind Words

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Families matter

https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families

https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/home

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CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR COOLAH

Students will soon be bringing home a note in relation to St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers. It is a tradition at St. Martin's to prepare these food and gift hampers for our St. Vincent De Paul community friends in Coolah, NSW.

Stay tuned for more information and some updates on the town of Coolah!

Have a wonderful week,

Pip Smith (Acting REC)

PARISH BULLETIN


PRE LOVED UNIFORM 3.15pm THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER

A reminder that any uniform in good condition may be dropped at the office. Thank you.

Uniform items will be available for $5 donation each piece following the Band Assembly next week.

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Scholastic Book Fair – Tuesday 8th November – Monday 14th November.

Excitement was in the air yesterday afternoon as our annual Book Fair commenced in our school library. Please come along and browse through many popular book titles, posters and the huge variety of stationary items on offer. These fabulous Scholastic items can be purchased and taken home for your children. This is a perfect opportunity to buy for Christmas. A percentage of the Book Fair proceeds goes right back to our school in the form of book commission.

Book Fair opening times:
Families can make their purchases every morning and afternoon this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, up until the following Monday 14th November.
Please note, to avoid hold ups at pick up or drop off time, children visiting book fair in the morning or afternoon must be accompanied by a parent.

Please refer to the following time table for Book Fair opening times below:

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| Wednesday 9th November| 8.30 – 9.00 am | 3.15-3.45pm
| Thursday 10th November| 8.30 – 9.00 am | 3.15-3.45pm
| Friday 11th November  | 8.30 – 9.00 am | 3.15-3.45pm
| Monday 14th November  | 8.30 – 9.00 am 3.15 -3.45pm |

Book Fair Helpers
...thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help with our book fair. We now have all the morning and afternoon slots filled. Your help as always, is greatly appreciated.

We hope you can join us in making our Book Fair a big success for our school.

Thank you for your ongoing support. HAPPY SHOPPING!

Angie Debien Teacher/Librarian
Diary Dates

| November 9 | 8.30-9.00am Book Fair  
| 3.15-3.45pm Book Fair  
| 6.00-7.00pm K-1 2017 Discussion  |
| 10 | 8am Yr 5 Debating Training  
| 8.30-9.00am Book Fair  
| Tennis Gala Day (selected students)  
| 9.15am Mass Year 2  
| 2.00pm Reconciliation Year 5  
| 3.15-3.45pm Book Fair  
| 3.30pm Year 6 Debating  |
| 11 | 8.30-9.00am Book Fair  
| 10.45am Remembrance Day Liturgy  
| 3.15-3.45pm Book Fair  
| 6.00pm Christmas Concert  |
| 14 | 8.30-9.00am Book Fair – Last Day!  
| 3.15-3.45pm Book Fair – Last Day!  
| Year 6 Graduation RSVP’s due  |
| 16 | Tuck Mufti Orders CLOSE 4.30pm – No late orders  
| 2017 Opal Card Applications due to office www.opal.com.au to register  |
| 17 | 2.00pm Band Assembly  
| 3.15pm Pre Loved Uniform  |
| 18 | Tuck Mufti  
| Year 6 Leaders to Parliament House  |
| 21 | Year 6 Games Day  |

St Martin’s Playgroup

You are very welcome to come and play at

St Martin’s Playgroup

Mondays from 9am – 10am

147 Prahran Avenue  
Davidson 2085

This informal playtime will be held in our new playground (weather permitting).  
Bring a snack for your child if you wish and we will make you a tea or coffee.

Tel: 9452 2022 for more information – otherwise just turn up!

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The simplest way
...to keep kids’ thirst at bay.

A day at school is thirsty work!

So be sure to pack a drink in the lunch box.

Water, or milk, is the best drink for kids, not fruit juice.

**Top tip:** Freeze a drink bottle of water, or a milk popper, to help keep the lunch box cold and food fresh.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit
You are invited to the annual Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

Mass for People with Special Needs 2016

and their families

Celebrant: Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Date: Sunday 27 November 2016

Time: 9:00 AM

Venue: Holy Spirit Church
1 Father Patrick Crooke Circuit
(Off S.S Kincumber St), Kincumber

RSVP: Monday 14 November 2016
Phone: 9847 0448 or 4332 9825
Email: registrations@dbb.org.au

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**About**

An eSafety expert from the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner will be delivering a FREE workshop on how you can help keep young people safe online.

For more information visit esafety.gov.au.

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**Learn how**

- young people are using social media and technology
- to make a complaint about child cyberbullying
- we can help remove serious cyberbullying material.

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**When**

Online Webinar
8:00pm - 8:40 pm
Wednesday 23/11/2016

Register at https://goo.gl/dvqzXb

For more information: john.hession@dbb.catholic.edu.au

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esafety.gov.au
Tuck Mufti Pizza Day
Friday 18th of November
2 Slices of Pizza
1 Packet of Chips
1 Popper Juice for $6
(Additional pizza slice $1.00 each)
No pizza option for $2 – chips and popper only

Please complete on-line through flexi schools.
(NO other flexi school lunch orders this day only)
Everyone will need to order on line
Orders starting Tuesday 8th November 8am and they will
CLOSE Wednesday 16th November at 4.30pm.
NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Options available on Flexi Schools:

- [ ] Cheese
- [ ] Ham and Pineapple
- [ ] Meatlovers
- [ ] Yes I would like a Cheese Gluten Free pizza
- [ ] Yes I would like an additional pizza slice (add $1.00)
- [ ] No Pizza – only chips and popper ($2 only)