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Dear Families,

Welcome to 2018!

It was great to welcome back our staff and students in Years 1 – 6 on Tuesday looking refreshed and ready for the new year of learning. I would like to acknowledge our dedicated and professional staff who have spent considerable hours preparing their classrooms for the return of the children. A huge thank you goes to our parents for the time and effort you have put into getting your children ready for school, with all looking very smart in their uniforms.

We look forward to welcoming the Kindergarten children and their parents on Friday. New families to our school for the Kindergarten year are Basic, Lanigan and Parks-Picard.

This week Becky K and Julian O have joined the Year 2 class. I'm sure you will give our new children and their parents – Kirrily and Greg K and Cheryl-Lynn and Paul O a warm St Martin's welcome.



We extend a warm welcome to our new staff for this year - Mrs Clare Banham and Mrs Gabi Perry as the Class Teachers for Year 4 and Mrs Louise Fergus, our Learning Support Assistant on Wednesdays this year.

Mrs Banham

Mrs Perry

There is much excitement in Stage 3 this week with Year 6 children finally getting their buddy after six years and Year 5 children patiently waiting to receive their Senior Leadership badges at the Opening School Mass on Tuesday 6 February. Our student Leadership development program will then continue in week three with a Leadership Camp for the Stage 3 children.

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Each year we celebrate the feast day of St Martin de Porres on 3 November. We are very fortunate to have two saints associated with our school, however our Brigidine tradition is sometimes missed in the busyness of the first week of school each year.

St. Brigid is known as a woman of extraordinary faith, hospitality, charity and wisdom, with the qualities of strength and gentleness, and is the Patroness of the Brigidine Sisters and one of the patron saints of Ireland.



Our school motto, “Strength and Gentleness” and the Brigidine cross are associated with the Brigidine sisters who founded our school and date back to Brigid of Kildare. Saint Brigid’s feast day is 1 February. St Brigid was also recognized to keep houses safe - here is a blessing for your house associated with St Brigid.

Please keep our families who have sickness or sadness in their lives, in your prayers.

Helen Leigh
Principal



May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell. Bless every fireside, every wall and door. Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof. Bless every hand that toils to bring it joy. Bless every foot that walks its portals through. May Brigid bless the house that shelters you.

Due Dates for School Fees



2018 School Fees- Instalment Schedules and Payment Due Dates

Annual (1)	Standard (3)	Monthly (10)	Fortnightly (20)	Weekly (40)
23/02/2018	23/02/2018	15/02/2018	09/02/2018	09/02/2018 & 16/02/2018
	04/05/2018	15/03/2018	23/02/2018	23/02/2018 & 02/03/2018
	27/07/2018	15/04/2018	09/03/2018	09/03/2018 & 16/03/2018
		15/05/2018	23/03/2018	23/03/2018 & 30/03/2018
		15/06/2018	06/04/2018	06/04/2018 & 13/04/2018
		15/07/2018	20/04/2018	20/04/2018 & 27/04/2018
		15/08/2018	04/05/2018	04/05/2018 & 11/05/2018
		15/09/2018	18/05/2018	18/05/2018 & 25/05/2018
		15/10/2018	01/06/2018	01/06/2018 & 08/06/2018
		15/11/2018	15/06/2018	15/06/2018 & 22/06/2018
			29/06/2018	29/06/2018 & 06/07/2018
			13/07/2018	13/07/2018 & 20/07/2018
			27/07/2018	27/07/2018 & 03/08/2018
			10/08/2018	10/08/2018 & 17/08/2018
			24/08/2018	24/08/2018 & 31/08/2018
			07/09/2018	07/09/2018 & 14/09/2018
			21/09/2018	21/09/2018 & 28/09/2018
			05/10/2018	05/10/2018 & 12/10/2018
			19/10/2018	19/10/2018 & 26/10/2018
			02/11/2018	02/11/2018 & 09/11/2018

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CURRICULUM NEWS

Mathematical Assessment Interviews (MAIs) 8th & 9th February:
These two days are pupil-free days (except Kindergarten who attend on the 8th)

Bookings are open: See attached note

An important tool we use each year is the Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI). These one-on-one interviews are an important tool we use each year, not only identifying student mathematical development, but also giving a unique opportunity to build a strong relationship between student and teacher.

Student mathematical progress is assessed in four areas: counting, place value, addition & subtraction and multiplication & division. Studies have shown that progress in these four areas indicates likely success in mathematics in future years, so identifying what each child can do and what they need to learn next, can only be of great benefit to students, teachers and parents. Crucially, identifying these things as the school year starts gives students greater opportunities to learn and move forward.

Kindergarten students are undertaking the MAI and Best Start for Literacy Assessments this week.

Written feedback will be provided to parents after the MAIs have been analysed.

Week 2 Parent Information Night 7th February: Our annual parent information night will be held on Wednesday, 7th February. Two classroom sessions will be run so that parents with more than one child can get to more than one class. We will also be running a whole-school interactive session in the library.

SESSION 1: 6:00 – 6:30 in classes
Whole-school 6:35 – 6:55 in library
SESSION 2: 7:00 – 7:30 in classes

This is an important chance to meet your child's teacher and find out about expectations and routines for the year.

Week 3 Getting to Know Your Child Interviews: We will again be conducting 10 minute "Getting to Know Your Child" interviews with each family this year (February 12-16th). These meetings are a wonderful way for class teachers to gain a better understanding of each student and give you the opportunity to talk about your child's strengths and challenges.

Parents are asked to complete the 'Getting to know your child' parent response page attached to this newsletter and return it to their class teacher by Monday, 5th February. This will give you a starting point for your meeting.

Parents must book on-line to make an interview to meet your child's teacher. Please see the attached note.

Thursday Assembly: We will again be conducting fortnightly 'formal' assemblies this year starting on Thursday 22nd February. At these assemblies various awards are given to children for their classroom efforts, general behaviour and attitude at school. Family and friends are most welcome to attend. Assemblies (usually) begin at 2.40pm and are conducted each fortnight.

Christopher Biefeld
Assistant Principal

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MISSION NEWS

Opening School Mass Tuesday 6th Feb 9:15am

On Tuesday 6th February at 9:15am we will be celebrating the beginning of the 2018 school year with a Mass to be celebrated in the St Martin's Catholic Church. We would like to take this opportunity to warmly invite all our parents and members of the community to gather with us as we welcome new students and their families as well as new staff. At this Mass, our Year 5 Students will be commissioned as senior leaders and will receive their Leadership Badges.

Reconciliation Parent Information Night Thursday 1st February

On Thursday 4 February, there will be a meeting at OLGC Church for all parents of children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this term (mainly Year 3 Students, however, if your child is in Year 4,5 or 6, you may enrol them in this sacrament). It is essential that at least one parent attend this meeting which will commence at 7:30pm. Students will celebrate their first reconciliation on Thursday 15th March at 4:00pm at St Martin's Catholic Church

Shrove Tuesday 13th February 2018



Every year we ask the Class Parents to organise and provide the pancakes for the classes on Shrove "Pancake" Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday marks the end of the Ordinary Season (for now) in the Church's calendar and is the last day before Lent. As Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up, Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that traditionally weren't allowed during Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were

forbidden during Lent. The name Shrove comes from the old word "shrive" which means to confess. On Shrove Tuesday, in the Middle Ages, people used to confess their sins so that they were forgiven before the season of Lent began. Each child is asked to make a gold coin donation to Project Compassion on Shrove Tuesday. Class parents please liaise with teachers regarding the time and venue. We would also like to suggest that simple pancake toppings (lemon, butter, sugar, maple syrup) are preferable to extravagant and behaviour modifying toppings such as lollies and ice-cream and ask that these toppings are not made available.

Ash Wednesday 14th February 2018

We will mark the beginning of the season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Mass to be held in the church at 9:15am. All families and friends are warmly invited to attend. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The ashes we receive are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. While the ashes symbolise penance, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts.



Mrs Kate Adamo
Religious Education Coordinator

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Diary Dates

February	1	Kindy Best Start Band – Hire Instruments will be sent home today or tomorrow 7.30am Yr 3 Reconciliation Parent Information Night OLG Church
	2	Kindy First day – Tea & Tissues Permission notes for Stage 3 Camp and Yr2-6 Swimming Carnival due 3.30pm Bookings open for “Getting To Know Your Child”
	5	Lunchtime: Jazz Ensemble begins
	6	7.45am Concert Band begins 9.15am Mass (K-6) 9.00am Bookings close for MAI’s (Years 1-6) www.schoolinterviews.com.au School Event Code: yuhev Recess: Woodwind Ensemble begins Lunchtime: Training Band Rehearsals begin 7.00pm School Advisory Team Meeting
	7	5pm Bookings close for “Getting To Know Your Child” K-6 Parent Information Evening (Library): Session One: 6:00 – 6:30 pm (in classes) All Parents to Attend General Session at 6:35 – 6:55pm in Library Session Two: 7:00 – 7:30 pm (in classes)
	8	MAI & Pupil Free Day for Years 1-6 (Kindy attend school)
	9	MAI & Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day for All Students
	12	8am Stage 3 Leadership Camp at Collaroy Getting To Know Your Child
	13	9am Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday & Gold Coin for Project Compassion Approx 3.45pm Students return from Stage 3 Leadership Camp at Collaroy Getting To Know Your Child
	14	9.15am Ash Wednesday Mass (K-6) Getting To Know Your Child
	15	8.30am-12.30pm Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6) WAC Please arrive at school at 7.30am – Buses depart 7.45am Getting To Know Your Child
	16	Getting To Know Your Child
	17 & 18	Year 3 Reconciliation Classes
	20	7.00pm P&F Meeting – All Welcome

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	22	9.15am Mass (5&6) 2.40pm Assembly
	24 & 25	Year 3 Reconciliation Classes
	27	Year 3 boys to St Pauls
	28	Northern Beaches Swimming Carnival WAC
March	2	Welcome BBQ

BUS PASSES

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) has advised the following :

We have made some improvements to our system which now means that students who are progressing to year 3 and year 7 do not need to reapply if they meet the following three conditions:

are continuing at the same school

- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

The system has automatically validated a student's ongoing eligibility if they're at the same school and progressing to year 3 and year 7. Where a student met the new eligibility the system has updated their entitlement and card. If they didn't meet the new eligibility, they would have been sent an expiry notification.

If students need to update any information or reapply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>.

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2017 to ensure students' entitlements are updated and their current card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2017, the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for an SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during the 3rd week of January 2018.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the new school year in 2018. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students should check with their operator for more information.

Concessions

131 500



Use public transport... plan your trip at transportnsw.info
Get on board with Opal at opal.com.au

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LIBRARY NEWS

Library Borrowing

Students borrow every week during their library lesson. Lessons are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday: Year K/1- Year 6 (45 minutes each)

Students are to return their books every week. However, if they would like to borrow for a longer period they can renew their book/s.

Library Bags

In order to borrow students require a library bag. Please ensure your children bring along their library bag to the library when borrowing every week. This helps preserve our lovely books.

Many children are forgetting to pack their bags so please help remind them every week.

Lost/Overdue books

If a book has been **lost** at home or at school please notify me as soon as possible. I can then search for the book in the classroom or the library. If a book is **overdue**, a reminder note will be sent home. Please have a good look at home and return the book/s as soon as you can. If you are unable to find the book, please sign the reminder slip and return it to the library. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Helpers

I am looking for parents to cover our new library books. We have many books waiting to be covered! If you have some free time and would be happy to cover some books at home or in our school library (on a Monday morning/afternoon) please complete the tear off slip below and return it to the office.

Library Helpers – Book Covering

I would like to help cover books at home.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Premier's Reading Challenge

We will be running the Premier's Reading Challenge again this year. If you wish your child to participate please let me know as soon as possible so I can register your child. Further details can be found on the PRC website: <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Angie Debien
Teacher Librarian

Pre Loved Uniform Available as at 30th January 2018

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GIRLS	Size 4	Size 6	Size 8	Size 10	Size 12	Size 14
Girls Long Sleeve Blouse	1	6	5	1		3
Winter Dresses			1			
Summer Dresses	2				1	1
Dance Pants		1				
Jumper / Sloppy Joe	1	4	3	1	3	
SPORTS						
Sport Tops		1	9	4		
Sport Shorts	6	3	4	2		1
Skort		1				
Tracksuit Pants	1					
BOYS						
Boys Trousers		12	8	3	1	
Boys Shorts	2	6	1	2	3	2
Ties	7					
Boys Summer Shirts		3	1	2		5
Boys Socks (New) size 3-7	n/a	n/a	Two pairs Brand New in Packaging			
Winter Shirts	1	16	8	3	3	
Winter Coat					1	

All items are very good quality and are a \$5.00 donation.

If you would like to purchase any items please email to suzyhaywood@hotmail.com

Donations of very high quality saleable items to the Office, thank you.

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FLEXIBUZZ APP



Parents please update your box subscriptions to your children's new classes

New Families please install the Flexibuzz App from Google Play or the iStore

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St Martin's P&F – Can you help us with “Just One Thing” in 2018?

There's plenty of great and easy ways to be involved in our School Community.

All welcome, get involved, have fun and meet some other parents.

For more info please email smd.pfexec@gmail.com

Please complete and return to school office asap –

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Years that my children will be in in 2018: K 1 2 3 4 5 6

Can you help with “Just One Thing” in 2018?

Roles:	Please Number up to 3 Preferences	Roles:	Please Number up to 3 Preferences
President	Fiona Y	School Banking	Ricardo G
Vice President	<i>Currently Filled</i>	OutDoor Cinema	
Treasurer	<i>Jane G</i>	Meal Help	
Secretary		Band Committee	Bec R & Kate S
Diocesan Parent Council	<i>Currently Filled</i>	Grounds Committee	
Class Parent Liaison	Josie B	PE	
School Promotion	Dominique D	Book Club	Talin D
Fun Run (*New)	Heidi H	Tuck Mufti	Josie B
Children's Social Events		Canteen	Carol B
Parent Social Events		Welcome Committee	Louise H Dominique D
Buddy Family Coordinator			

Class Parent	Please Tick
Kindy/1	Lisa McM & Sarah-Jane H
Year 2	Josie B & Sarah B
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	Belinda F & Deanna C
Year 6	Belinda F

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St Martin's P&F - What's your One Thing for 2018?

**There's plenty of fun ways to be involved in our School Community.
All welcome, get involved, have fun and meet some other parents.**

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Exec Committee - President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides leadership for the P&F & works collaboratively with the principal. - Promotes the aim of the P&F & ensures the efficient running of meetings. - Prepares the agenda - Ensures that minutes of the previous meeting are endorsed - Prepares and presents the annual president's report of the P&F. 	Full Year	Fiona Y
Exec Committee - Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Works with President to assist in implementing P&F goals - Liaises closely with Principal, Committees, Parents and class parents to coordinate activities and Fundraising events - Assists with Newsletter communication, Flexischool setup, banking as required 	Full Year	Michelle H
Exec Committee - Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensures that all the financial dealings of the P&F are carried out in accordance with constitution. -Receives all monies and keeps appropriate financial records. -Presents, at each general meeting, a statement of accounts -Organises the annual audit of accounts and presents the annual financial report of the P&F. -Passes on records, in good order, to the incoming treasurer. -The treasurer receives all monies and keep accurate records, issue receipts, keep receipts & banks all monies received -Prepares each cheque, -All books, receipts, vouchers and monthly statements of account are sent to the auditors prior to the annual general meeting. 	Full Year	Jane G
Executive Committee - Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Manages the day-to-day communications and records of the P&F. -Organises meetings, records minutes -Receives and deals with correspondence -Maintains copies of minutes -Receives agenda items. -Passes on records, in good order, to the incoming secretary. 	Full Year	Vacant - accepting nominations.
DPC Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keeps parents informed about Diocesan Parent Council issues. - Provides reports to the parents at parent meetings, - arranges for the distribution of newsletters - Informs the Diocesan Parent Council about parent concerns and issues. - Attends Diocesan Parent Council meetings 	Full Year	Maria M can stand until end of 2018
Committee - Grounds (12 people)	To mow lawns, trim trees and small jobs. Organise working bees as needed	One Sat/Sun each term	

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Committee – Welcome (4 people)	To welcome all new families who join the school. Set them up with a buddy. Welcome all new kindergarten families.	Open days/nights Be available term 3&4 for kindy transition	"I gain satisfaction from contributing to my children's school and being involved with the community."
Committee – School Promotion (2-4 people)	To gather ideas and help organize activities to promote St Martins	Term 1-2	"In this role it's nice to meet and collaborate with parents from other classes. It's also interesting to research what other schools are doing in our area."
Committee -- Parent Social Events (6 people)	To go out to the community, make calls and emails to collect donations. Liaise with class parents.	3 months	"This is a great way to meet people out in the forest community. It is nice to work and collaborate closely with the class parents, staff and other committee members."

Committee – Kids Social Events (6 people)	Organise Kids events that are well supervised, runs smoothly & safe & enjoyable for the kids.	Term 1-4 1 week	"It's nice to be involved with a fun P&F event that's all about the kids!"
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Committee - PE (2 people)	Just be available to help at carnivals and offer assistance to Sports Teacher.	Term1-4	"I enjoy being involved with the sports committee as I enjoy doing all sports and encouraging kids to be involved in as many sports as are offered"
Committee - Book Club (2 people)	Promote the Book Club offerings available through their LOOP system	Term 1-4	"I gain satisfaction from contributing to my children's school and being involved with the community."
Committee - Tuck Muffi (2-7 people)	Purchase chips, poppers etc. collect orders, bank money and distribute pizza.	1 week per term	"The process of organizing this day is really easy and all set up. What I enjoy most about this role is making the kids happy. They get so excited."
Committee - Meal Help (1-2 people)	Check on current meals available and families in need	Term 1-4	"Very easy low stress job. Great for a working mum/dad to do."

Committee – Class Parent Kindy –Yr6 (2 people per year)	The aim of the class parent is to link the parent community to the school and to support the P&F activities as required	Term 1-4. Communication with parents as needed. Regularly liaise with Class Teacher.
Committee – Class Parent Kindy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mothers & Father's Day • Tea & Tissues • Major Event Fundraiser • Year 6 Graduation • Welcome/ End Year BBQ <p><i>[*Note – indicative of events but each year's main role may vary in 2018]</i></p>	
Committee – Class Parent Year 1		
Committee – Class Parent Year 2		
Committee – Class Parent Year 3		
Committee – Class Parent Year 4		
Committee – Class Parent Year 5		
Committee – Class Parent Year 6		

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— kids yoga @st martins —

TERM 1 2018 THURSDAYS

FROM 15TH FEB ONLY

\$73.50/7 WEEKS

7.50-8.20AM Y3-6 8.20-8.50AM K-Y2

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at St Martin's – Davidson
on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:30pm

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Enrolling **now for Term 1, 2018**

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OPEN DAY!

Saturday 14th October
10AM - 1PM



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- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Farm Animals
- ★ Jumping Castle
- ★ Magician/ Balloon Maker
- ★ Bike n' Blend
- ★ Visit from Peppa Pig
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Girls do you want to try rugby



Wakehurst Rugby is looking for girls who would
like to have a go at Mini's Rugby U6 to U9
U6/7 Tag, U8/9 Girls Only Comp

Enjoy girls only Rugby
Sessions trained by some of the
best women players



Try Rugby Starts
Friday February 2 @ 5pm



Wakehurst Rugby Park Cnr Waldon Rd & Forest Way Belrose

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