

St Martin's Davidson

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Thank you for making the arrangements for each of your children to attend the Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) on Thursday or Friday this week. This is a very important piece of information about your child's mathematical progress that we use to see how each child is progressing compared to the expected growth and the level of development measured last year.

There was great excitement yesterday when the Year 5 children received their Senior Leadership badges at the Opening School Mass. Throughout the School Mass, the Year 6 Senior Leaders were modelling how to participate at Mass and deserve our congratulations for being so attentive to their Kindergarten Buddies and for being wonderful role models to all in the school.

Parents are reminded that tonight is an important evening in our school's calendar – the Information Night – when you meet your child's Teacher, receive a number of handouts, meet the other parents in your child's stage of learning and hear how the classes will run this year.

This year there will also be an important twenty minute update on the school directions for learning in 2018. Mr Biefeld and I will outline the opportunities for parents to be more involved in the learning experiences.

Parents are already involved in the life of the school in many ways. I would like to acknowledge the work that the School Advisory Team do, often behind the scenes, to continually support me and the Staff in the implementation of school priorities. The team met last night with Professor Mike Gaffney from ACU in Canberra. We discussed the Catholic Social Teachings involved in decision making and ways that the team can contribute this year. Thank you to this year's School Advisory Team — Rebecca Q, Kim G, Cherie Warren, Ben H, Anthony B, Luigi D'A and Colin P. The parent perspective and advice that they offer me is invaluable.



Welcome to Mrs Louise Fergus, who joins St Martin's as our Learning Support Assistant on Wednesdays this year.



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Parent resources

 $https://www.brokenbayparent council.com/uploads/1/0/5/1/10519293/p4l resource beyond the front door primary. \\ pdf$

http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/parent-resources

As the children settle back into the term you might find some of these parent resources useful – especially the "what happens if ... " discussion areas.

Getting ready for Lent

Next week, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (14 February). Lent is a season of renewal, of being drawn closer to God by opening the door of our hearts to Christ and one another. The Church asks us to change our lives in concrete ways, through fasting, prayer and acts of loving service. As a family, think about what small actions and sacrifices ('penance') in these areas you might undertake during Lent.

You might enjoy the "busted halo" website and this two minute video clip about Lent.

http://bustedhalo.com/video/ash-wednesday-in-two-minutes

Pray at home

'Lord Jesus, help us as a family to live Lent well. Help us to appreciate afresh our love for you and one another.'

Looking forward to seeing you tonight,

Helen Leigh Principal

CURRICULUM NEWS

Don't Forget Mathematical Assessment Interviews (MAIs) on Thursday and Friday: Hopefully, you have booked your child in for this important Mathematics assessment. Some important things to remember:

- The interviews last for about 30 minutes and teachers are running to a strict timetable with very few or no gaps in their schedule.
- Please consider other parents and be on time or a few minutes early for the interview.
- The assessment is diagnostic, which means that as a student makes a mistake or can't
 answer a question in a particular area (e.g. addition) that part of the assessment is
 finished at that point and then continues in a new area.
- Just because your child's assessment was stopped at a particular point doesn't mean they don't know other things in that area. These other things will be assessed in class in different ways.

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- Your child's MAI assessment may be completed well before the 30 minutes has elapsed.
- MAIs are only one of several ways your child's Mathematical understanding will be assessed throughout the year. A more common assessment techniques is through analysing student work samples.
- Our school and every other diocesan school assesses student mathematical
 understandings with the MAI tool. In fact, our school is one of several hundred schools
 across Australia that is part of an ongoing numeracy project headed by Dr. Anne
 Gervasoni. The data that we obtain from our school is sent to the Catholic Schools Office
 and then shared with the Early Numeracy Research Project.

Teaching and Learning at St Martin's: The Australian Curriculum is implemented in New South Wales through the new NSW syllabuses developed by the Board of Studies (now called NSW Education Standards Authority). The content of each syllabus document is organised in stages from Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) to Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) in the primary school. All schools are mandated to teach from these documents.

In each subject, students work towards achieving stage outcomes. For example, students in Years 3 & 4 are both working on the same outcomes in Mathematics. This doesn't mean that they will be doing the same activities and learning tasks for two years at St Martin's, because our teachers ensure that students are working at their own levels along carefully identified pathways.

Since the content is arranged in stages, schools are able to have students working in distinct year levels or as more schools are doing have the students working cooperatively across the stage in certain subjects.

At St Martin's, we use both methods in various subjects throughout the school. On some occasions your child may be working exclusively with students from their grade level and at other times they may be working alongside students from a higher or lower grade level because they are in the same stage. This does not mean we are streaming students according to ability, but rather allowing students with similar interests or learning pathways to work on tasks or projects together.

This flexible approach of cooperative learning is encouraged by the Diocese of Broken Bay Learning Principles statement and well supported by the latest research. It gives students more of a voice in their learning and encourages greater collaboration and student thinking. If you have further questions you may consider following this link to the BOS parent guide to NSW syllabuses or can contact me here at school:

http://syllabus.bostes.nsw.edu.au/assets/global/files/parents-guide-nsw-k-10-syllabuses.pdf

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

MISSION NEWS

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

Diary Dates

February	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) Start saving Coles Sports For Schools Vouchers
	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-12pm 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
	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
	27	Athletics Carnival K-6

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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.

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 beautiful 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

St Martin's Facebook Page

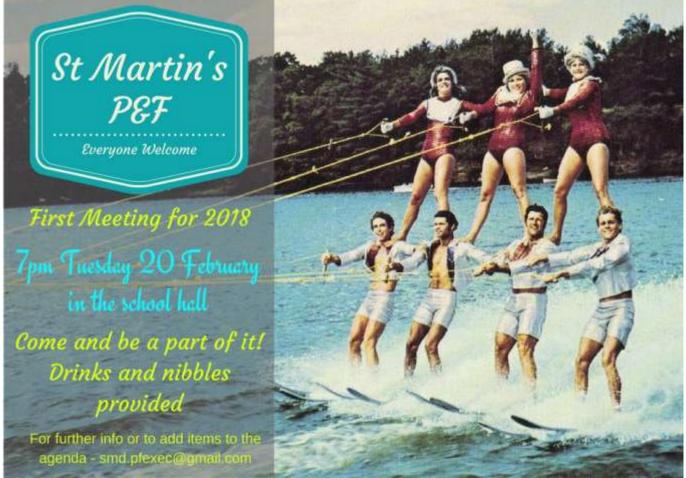


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BIRTHDAYS

The following children have had birthdays since the new year, or celebrate their birthday in the next week:

next week:			
January	3	Hayden McM	Kindy
	13	Jasmine B Lexie H Samara H	Year 2 Kindy Kindy
	16	Marley G	Year 5
	17	Noah V	Year 4
	22	William H	Year 3
February	1	Matilda G	Year 2
	3	Alex C	Year 4
	10	Hamish F	Year 3
	11	Joseph B	Year 3
	13	Becky K	Year 2



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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

Phone Number:			
Years that my children will b	e in in 2018: □ K □ 1	1 🗆 2 🖂 3 🖂 4 🖂 5	5 □ 6
Can you help with "Just One	e 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	Currently Filled	OutDoor Cinema	Heidi H
Treasurer	Jane G	Meal Help	
Secretary		Band Committee	Bec R & Kate S
Diocesan Parent Council	Currently Filled	Grounds Committee	
Class Parent Liaison	Josie B	PE	
School Promotion	Dominique D	Book Club	Talin D
Fun Run (*New)		Tuck Mufti	Josie B
Children's Social Events		Canteen	Carol B
Parent Social Events		Welcome Committee	Louise H

Christmas Lights

Dominique D

Heidi H

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

Buddy Family Coordinator

Please complete and return to school office asap -

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

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Exec Committee - President	 Provides leadership for the P&F & work with the principal. Promotes the aim of the P&F & ensure running of meetings. Prepares the agenda Ensures that minutes of the previous meetings and presents the annual pre P&F. 	s the efficient neeting are endorsed	Full Year	Fiona Y
Exec Committee – Vice President	 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 			Michelle H
Exec Committee - Treasurer	-Ensures that all the financial dealings of the P&F are carried out in accordance with constitutionReceives all monies and keeps appropriate financial recordsPresents, at each general meeting, a statement of accounts -Organises the annual audit of accounts and presents the annual financial report of the P&FPasses on records, in good order, to the incoming treasurerThe 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.			Jane G
Executive Committee - Secretary	-Manages the day-to-day communications and records of the P&FOrganises meetings, records minutes -Receives and deals with correspondence -Maintains copies of minutes -Receives agenda itemsPasses on records, in good order, to the incoming secretary.		Full Year	Vacant - accepting nominations.
DPC Representative Committee –	- 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 To mow lawns, trim trees and small	Full Year One Sat/Sun each	Maria M can stand until end of 2018	
Grounds (12 people)	jobs. Organise working bees as needed	term		
Committee – Welcome (4 people)	To welcome all new families who join the school. Set them up with a buddy. Welcome all new	Open days/nights Be available term 3&4 for kindy	contrib	satisfaction from outing to my children's and being involved with

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	kindergarten families.	transition	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!"	
Committee - PE (2 people)	Just be available to help at carnivals and offer assistance to Sports Teacher.	S 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)	and being involved with the		"I gain satisfaction from contributing to my children's school and being involved with the community."	
Committee - Tuck Mufti (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	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	
Committee – Class Parent Kindy Committee – Class Parent Year 1	Mothers & Father's DayTea & TissuesMajor Event Fundraiser	
Committee – Class Parent Year 2	Year 6 Graduation Welcome/ End Year BBQ [*Note – indicative of events but each year's main role	Term 1-4. Communication with parents as needed.
Committee – Class Parent Year 3	may vary in 2018]	Regularly liaise with Class Teacher.
Committee – Class Parent Year 4		
Committee – Class Parent Year 5		
Committee – Class Parent Year 6		

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COMMUNITY NEWS

We are very excited to announce our new **Curl Curl North Public School** host venue for our Saturday afternoon Brainwaves Club. This is a parent enrolled program so if you are aware of students who would be suitable for further enrichment in out-of-school hours, please can you pass this information on to them for us?

The **G.A.T.E.WAYS Brainwaves Club** program is based on the philosophy that highly able and gifted children have particular needs for stimulation and challenge that match their high level of curiosity and desire to learn. In addition, children with specialised skills and talents in advance of their age peers need both affirmation of these abilities and opportunities for talent development. We also have Brainwaves Club venues at Ryde and Bondi.

WE OFFER A VARIETY OF CLUBS TO SUIT STUDENTS' STRENGTHS

Please see below for details of the clubs on offer. Please click on the links for program outlines.

2018 North Curl Curl Brainwaves Club

Venue Details Curl Curl North Public School, Playfair Rd, Sydney	
Club Meeting Dates	17 Feb, 3 March, 17 March, 7 April, 5 May, 19 May, 2 June, 16 June
Club Meeting Times	1:30 – 4:30pm
Semester Membership Fee	\$536.00 (includes GST)
Discount for siblings	The first family member pays the full fee. Subsequent siblings are eligible for a 5% discount.

2018 Semester 1 Clubs

Club	Year Levels	Club Focus
<u>DinoMites</u>	1	Cross curricular
Apprentices	2 and 3	Books/writing/literature
<u>SciSpies</u>	2 and 3	Science/maths
<u>Einsteins</u>	4, 5 and 6	Science/maths
Legal Eagles	5 and 6	Law/debate/legal system

Go to the GATEWAYS website and select the Brainwaves Club page!

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Potter league is all about having fun while learning how to play basketball. It is a non-competitive game. Individual Players are placed into teams according to which level of schooling they are in i.e. years 1/2, years 3/4 and Year 5/6.

- Designed for new player's only (developing players).
- Competition starts Tues. 27th Feb, Sat. 3rd March to 7th July 2018.
- . Teams of 7 to 8 players

School Year	Day	Time	Cost	Venue
Years 1-2 Mised	Tuesday	4-6pm	\$165	NEISC
Years 3-4 Mixed	Tuesday	4-čpm	\$185	NEISC
Years 3-4 Girls	Saturday	1-6pm	\$205	NEISC
Years 4-5 Boys	Saturday	1-Spm	5225	PCYC
Years 5-6 Girls	Saturday	1-6pm	\$205	NEISC
Years 6-7 Boys	Saturday	1-8pm	\$245	PCYC

Bookings: https://www.trybooking.com/336483 dose7pm, 21st February 2018 www.manlybasketball.com.au#PH:9913 3622#Email:mwba@manlybasketball.com.au



GIRLS ONLY BASKETBALL PROGRAM

FOR GIRLS 7-12 YRS WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN BASKETBALL

WITH FEMALE COACHES

DATES: SAT. 10th Feb to Sat 7th April 2018 (8 WEEK PROGRAM) No Clinic Easter Saturday 31st March, returns for I week on 7th April

TIME: 2:30-3:30 PM

VENUE: NORTHERN BEACHES INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

COST: \$90 INCLUDES PINK BALL OR SINGLET TO BOOK: http://bookings.manlybasketball.com.au/333953



Runs every Saturday during school term. No need to book just come along and join in the fun.

Ages: 5-7yrs, 230-330 7yrs and up, 3:30-4:30 Venue: Northern Beaches Indoors Sports Centre Cost: \$10 per child. For more into go to

www.manlybasketball.com.au SATURDAY LEARN TO



Learn the skills Basketball in a fun learning environment with qualified coaches



DUNKIN SAYS

Learn to Play Basketball for all kids 5-12 Fridays, 5:30 to 6.30pm GALSTAUN COLLEGE

5 Chiltern Road, Ingleside, NSW 2101

Aussie Hoops Coach is JEROME LEE

All participants receive a Basketball Australia pack (basketball, Reversible playing singlet and a gym sack).

The cost is \$110 for (Eight weeks) all inclusive.

Book on the Aussie Hoops site, www.aussiehoops.com.au



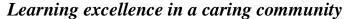














A TICKET TO EXPLORE THE INNOVATIVE **WORLD OF ROBOTICS!**



ROBOTICS & STEM for years 4-6 at St Martin's - Davidson on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:30pm Enrolling NOW for Term 1, 2018



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STEM enrichment for years 1-3 at at St Martin's - Davidson on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:30pm

Enrolling now for Term 1, 2018 nssydney.young-engineers.com.au/enrolment/

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Jacksons Rd

23 - 25 February

Fri Noon - 8pm

Sat 9am - 5pm

Sun 9am - 2pm

