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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Thank you for your support with our swimming carnival last week. Once again Mrs Wallace ran a well-organised carnival with lots of help from our Teachers and Parents. A special thanks to Michelle H, Luke B, Rick C, Kate M, Gabby C, Irena W, Linda H, Dominique D'A, Kirrily K, Sarah B, Sarah-Jane H, Suzy L, Belinda F, Josie B, Rebecca D, Bernadette C and previous students Ashton & Ethan H.

At St Martin's we strive to include Parents in as many areas of school life as possible. Thank you to the Parents of Stage 3 children who worked with Mr Baker and Mrs Warren to cooperatively plan the History learning experiences.

At the Parent Information Night, Mr Biefeld and I invited you to a number of planning opportunities for this term that we would really appreciate your views, expertise and input. It is also an opportunity for you to have a greater knowledge of the learning experiences that your child will be involved in.

Invitation

- **Science and Technology Planning**

Week 5 Friday 2 March (S2, S3, ES/1)

Facilitators - Tania Godfrey (Coordinator), Damien Sylvester (CSO Ed Officer) and Sally Harrison (CSO Ed Officer)

- **Religious Education Planning Home Links**

Week 6 Friday 9 March (S2, S3, ES/1)

Facilitator – Kate Adamo (Religious Education Coordinator)

- **Individual Goal Setting Meetings**

Week 8 – Parents, Child, Teacher

- **Behaviour Policy Meeting**

Week 5 -Wednesday 28 February 5:00-6:30 pm

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Further information about the importance of Parent Engagement can be found on the CCSP website.



Follow up to the P&F AGM workshop

Last year parents had the opportunity at the P&F workshop to raise ideas about areas for future development for our school. This was a follow up to the Resonate Survey conducted in term 3. One area that attracted many comments was "Behaviour and Discipline".

The ideas raised and documented will be considered in further detail at a meeting on Wednesday 28 February from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. The Catholic School's Office (CSO) updated the Diocesan Behaviour Support Policy in November 2017, so this is an ideal opportunity for community consultation on this important area of school life. We are very fortunate to have Christine Rheinberger who leads this area at CSO, working with us during the evening.

If you are interested in attending, please rsvp to the office by Tuesday so that we can prepare the materials needed.

Second week of Lent

Welcome! Our doors are open and the light is on. The Light is ON.



Fridays 7pm - 8pm at OLGC (Feb 16, 23, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23)

Some helpful links:

- [Guide to Reconciliation](#)
- [Resources Page](#) (including videos about the Sacrament)

"Light is a wonderful symbol of faith and the love of God, who breaks into our darkness to bring healing and peace. This light of God's mercy is always available, in particular through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Lent, you are invited to come to experience the healing that being forgiven brings."

- Bishop Peter Comensoli

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The Light is On is an initiative where Catholic churches are open for quiet prayer and Reconciliation on Friday evenings during Lent.

Want to make things right? Now is the time.

Experience God's light and peace in your life this Lent.

Helen Leigh
Principal

What is Parent Engagement?

Parent engagement, in the schooling context can be defined as:

... an intentional and collaborative strategy to support and leverage the knowledge and capacities of families, to improve the faith development, learning and well-being outcomes for all students, by making connections between the different spaces they learn in.

<http://www.cbsp.catholic.edu.au/parent-engagement>



MISSION NEWS

Family Mass Kindy to Year 3

On Sunday 4th March at 8:30am, we will be celebrating Family Mass for students and their families in Kindy to Year 3. An invitation has been sent home today for you to indicate your attendance. Please complete and return this to school. We would love to see you there.



Pancake Day Fundraising

Thank you to all the students who donated gold coins to Project compassion on Pancake Day last week. We raised \$89.

Mrs Kate Adamo
Religious Education Coordinator

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CURRICULUM NEWS

Diocesan Principles of Learning: The Catholic Schools Office has published a document stating the principles that underpin the learning within the diocese. This paper reflects the latest research on learning. It provides a focus for schools and a shared language for inspiring learning.

The six principles are themselves underpinned by the following statement of beliefs: “We believe the purpose of education is for learners to become fully alive human beings who help to create a society that serves the common good”.

The six principles are:

1. Learning is a product of thinking.
2. Collaboration enhances learning.
3. Learners must have agency in their learning.
4. Learning dispositions are as important as skills and knowledge.
5. Learning happens at the point of challenge.
6. Learning is contextual.

The staff of St Martin’s are fully committed to these principles and we look forward to continuing along this path of contemporary learning for ourselves and the students in our care. We are currently working on incorporating these principles within our own belief statements and will share these with the school community when these are finalised.

Cooperative Planning with Parents: Last Friday, we invited parents from Stage 3 to help plan the History unit of work for this term. This was a fantastic opportunity to tap into the expertise within the community and was a lot of fun working with these dedicated parents.

Next Friday 2nd March, parents from all classes are warmly invited to help plan units of work for Science and Technology. No, you don’t need to be a world-class scientist or even have a passion for science. If you have an interest in what your child is doing in class and are available next Friday, come along at the following times:

- **Stage 2 (Years 3&4) – 9:30-10:55am**
- **Stage 3 (Years 5&6) – 11:15-12:45pm**
- **Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (Kindy & Years 1&2) – 1:45-3:15pm**

Cooperative Planning with Experts: One of the key high-yield strategies we use for professional development and building shared understanding is Cooperative Planning with the experts from within the diocese. Yesterday, teachers had a wonderful opportunity to plan for English with Jane Denny. Jane is the Education Officer for English and brings years of experience and expertise in this role.

On Friday of this week, the teachers will have the opportunity to work with Pauline Drezins on how to differentiate the learning to cater for student differences. Pauline is the Education Officer for students with special needs.

Competitions: I will notify you of any competition that children can enter as they come to my attention throughout the year. If students are interested in any competition they will need to see me to get entry form and other details. Currently I have details for the following competition:

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UNSW ICAS Competitions: There are competitions in Computer Skills, Science, English, and Mathematics in Terms 2 & 3 for students in Year 2 and above.

Debating News: Every year, students from St Martin's debate in the Independent Schools Debating Association competition. Whilst we are not an independent school we debate for Stella Maris Catholic College, Manly. Our first debate in the ISDA competition will be conducted next Friday evening, 2nd March.

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.

Book List: If you are thinking of buying some good books for a child and trying to work out what books might be suitable for the different grades, have a look at the Premier's Reading Challenge book list at:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/listBooksByTitle.html?letter=A&levelId=2>

These extensive lists are arranged according to age groupings: Kindy – Yr2, Yr3-4, Yr 5-6. The full lists even have some notes about each book.

Christopher Biefeld
Assistant Principal

BIRTHDAYS

The following children have their birthdays in the coming week:

February	26	Chloe F	Year 3
		Sami H	Year 2



BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 of Book Club was sent home to all students in week 2.

Orders and payment are due by **Friday 23rd of February**.

Please use the LOOP (Linked Online Ordering and Payment) system only to place your orders as this will mean that no cash or paperwork needs to be returned to the school office.

For new families, there is a quick how-to-order video at the following link - just click on HELP in the top menu:

www.scholastic.com.au/loop

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ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2.40PM THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

Aidan B
 Alex C
 Andrew B
 Andrew B
 Ashley B
 Bahar A
 Becky K
 Ben C
 Brianna J
 Charlie L
 Chris P
 Claire H

Eva Y
 Grace I
 Halle M
 Hayden M
 Isabella W-M
 Isla B
 Jack R
 Julian O
 Lily M
 Lucas D
 Luken G-G
 Maddie T

Matthew D
 Mylo S
 Natasha C
 Oliver M
 Rohan C
 Sam M
 Sophia C
 Sophia C
 Tristan I
 Zoe Y

Pre Loved Uniform Available as at 20th February 2018

	Size 2	Size 4	Size 5	Size 6	Size 7	Size 8	Size 10	Size 12	Size 14
GIRLS									
Girls Long Sleeve Blouse		5		4		2	2		
Winter Dresses		3		8		2			3
Summer Dresses	2	8		1				1	
Dance Pants				1					
Tags	Lots - One Size Fits All								
SPORTS & UNISEX									
Sport Tops				6		1	2		
Sport Shorts						1	1	1	1
Skort		2	2	3					
Tracksuit Pants		2							
Unisex Art Smock	1 x size Small								
Jumper (no Zip)			1				1		
Zip Up Jumper		2		3		3	2	3	
Winter Coat								1	
School Bags	2 - standard size								
BOYS									
Boys Long Trousers			1	2	1	2	3		
Boys Shorts		2		5			6	4	2
Ties	Lots - One Size Fits All								
Boys Summer Shirts				8		2	10	2	4
Boys Socks (New) size 3-7		n/a		n/a		Two pairs Brand New in Packaging			
Winter Shirts				13		1	5	5	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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Diary Dates

February	22	9.15am Mass (5&6) 2.40pm Assembly & Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
	23	Band Make Up's: 7.45am Concert band Recess: Woodwind Lunch: Training Band
	26	Lunch: Jazz Band
	27	All Bands on as usual 9am Bus Year 3 boys to St Pauls Cricket Skills (Years 3-6) Sculpture entries due to Library
	28	Northern Beaches Swimming Carnival WAC 4-7pm St Paul's Open Evening
March	1	9.15am Mass (Yr 3 & 4) 2pm Reconciliation (Yr 6) Just Like You Incursion
	2	5.00pm-8.30pm Welcome BBQ
	3	Reconciliation Classes
	4	8.30am Family Mass (K-3) Reconciliation Classes
	5	Lunch: Jazz Band
	6	7.45am Concert band Recess: Woodwind Lunch: Training Band
	7	9-11am Open Day Yr 3 Mater Maria Links Day 1.45pm Litter Bug Incursion Yr4-6 4.30pm QKR Orders close for Tuck Mufti 6-7pm Open Day - Twilight Tours
	8	9.15am Mass (Yr 2) Just Like You K-6 Yr 6 Student Leaders to meet the Bishop (Waitara) 2.40pm Assembly

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9	Tuck Mufti & Gold Coin for Yr 6 Graduation
10	Reconciliation Classes
11	Reconciliation Classes
13	Cross Country (wet weather date March 20 th)
27	Athletics Carnival K-6

school holiday challenge!

RECYCLED SCULPTURE COMPETITION

ENTRIES FOR HOLIDAYS
SCULPTURE USING
FOUND ITEMS

Entries close soon!
Bring your sculpture in by
Tuesday 27 February

Please include:

- Artists name/s
- Sculpture Title

Good Luck!

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

We will be looking for most imaginative design and innovative re-use of materials

Good Luck!

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STRENGTH & GENTLENESS

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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?

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

<u>Class Parent</u>	
Kindy	Lisa McM & Sarah-Jane H
Year 1	Amy T & Lucy H
Year 2	Cheryl-Lynn O & Bronwyn G
Year 3	Josie B & Sarah B
Year 4	
Year 5	Belinda F & Deanna C
Year 6	Belinda F & Rebecca Quayle

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FOR FITNESS SAKE

1st - 10th March 2018

Get moving for kids with a disability

Get fit in 2018!

Challenge yourself to move
25km, 50km or 100km in 10 days



Learn more and sign up today:
forfitnesssake.com.au

House
with No
Steps 

House with No Steps is running a nationwide virtual fitness event in March, 2018. 'For Fitness Sake' is a fun, interactive event which gets participants moving in the month of March, while raising money for children with a disability. Participants of all ages and abilities will be challenged to move 25km, 50km or 100km in any way they choose during *March 1- March 10* – be it walking, running, swimming, cycling or even rollerblading! All money raised during the challenge will go to supporting kids with a disability live a great life. Take the challenge to get moving today and raise money for a great cause!

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**KIDS YOGA@ST MARTINS
TERM 1 2018
THURSDAYS**

FROM 22ND FEB \$63/6

WEEKS 7:50-8.20AM

Y3-6 8.20-8.50AM

K-Y2

HELLO@HEIDIHORNE.COM.AU

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FREE TRIAL

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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**

nssydney.young-engineers.com.au/enrolment/



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f : [Young Engineers North Shore Sydney](#)

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**PLAYING LEGO®
WHILE LEARNING
PHYSICS AND SCIENCE.
EXCLUSIVELY WITH
YOUNG ENGINEERS!**



**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/

Encourage INDEPENDENT & CREATIVE Thinking

Our award winning curriculum has obtained global recognition for improving children's achievements. The course will illustrate **STEM principles** through experiments, demonstrations & play.



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MATER MARIA
CATHOLIC COLLEGE



OPEN DAY

Thursday 8 March 2018 - 4pm to 7pm

Come and see the Mater Maria spirit

Year 7, 2020 applications close on Wednesday 4 April 2018

Please contact our Enrolment Registrar (Deborah Fitzgerald) on
02 9997 7044 or email deborah.fitzgerald@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Applications welcome for Years 8-11

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

<http://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolment>

REQUEST A PROSPECTUS

<http://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/request-a-prospectus-form>

BOOK A TOUR

<http://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/book-a-tour-form>



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ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN DAYS

**ENROL NOW
FOR 2019**

Wednesday 7 March 2018 9am – 11am **Twilight Tour** 6pm – 7pm
Friday 18 May 2018 9am – 11am

Every child is known, cared about and challenged to think and learn within our Catholic community. We strive for excellence with all students in our nurturing school environment.

Come along and see what a Catholic education can offer your child.
School tours weekly on Fridays at 9am, no bookings needed.
Tours can also be arranged by appointment.

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1st BIRTHDAY!

Saturday 24th of March
10AM - 1PM



4 WEEKS FREE CHILDCARE

When you enrol on the day!



Register your interest at
www.kidscove.com.au



(02) 9450 1116
www.kidscove.com.au

337 Mona Vale Road
Terrey Hills NSW, 2084
kidscovechildcare

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ST PIUS X COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 17 MARCH • 10 AM – 2 PM

Our students would love to show you our College
Principal's Welcome 12 noon



Chatswood Campus
35 Anderson Street Chatswood

Our sporting fields at Oxford Falls
will be open 8 am – 12 noon

www.spx.nsw.edu.au



A CATHOLIC BOYS' COLLEGE IN THE EDMUND RICE TRADITION • YEARS 5 – 12

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