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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

The Welcome BBQ was a great success on Friday night. Thank you to the year 6 Parents and the Parents and Friends Association (P&F) who hosted the event. I would particularly like to thank those who organised and cooked the BBQ and those who entertained the younger children with face painting – Linda H, Rebecca Q, Belinda F, Max F, Olivia H and Amelia I.



Congratulations to all of the finalists in the Recycled Sculpture Competition. The amazing crab "Tomatoa" that Zoe Y and Eva Y constructed, is now on display in the Glen Street Library. The winner of the People's Choice vote was Xavier C with his sculpture "Keep our beaches clean" and the Winner of the best use of recycled materials was Jeremy L with his "Scuba Diving Robot". Thanks to Fiona Y who organised the competition.



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P&F AGM follow up meeting – Behaviour

Thank you to the Parents and Teachers who attended the meeting last Wednesday evening. The Team Leader of Pastoral Care and Student Wellbeing, Christine Rheinberger, presented some information and helped to facilitate the discussion. Many people responded to the invitation and couldn't attend on the night, so I am attaching Christine's slides for your information.



Davidson Behaviour
28 Feb 2018.pptx

Parents discussed many areas, including the need to be able to work closely with the school and suggested a section in the weekly newsletter – which is included today.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who supported us at the Northern Beaches Swimming Carnival and did time keeping and cheered the children on – particularly Rick C and Kate M. We are now looking forward to the Cross Country event on Tuesday and would really appreciate your help to supervise the course in the morning and to encourage the children. Please let the office know if you can help straight after drop off for Years 3-6 and at 1.45pm for K-2.

The “Light is on” continues this week at OLGC Church from 7-8pm on Friday – a time to experience God's light and peace in your life this lent. More information can be found on www.lightisonforyou.org.au

Here is a prayer from “The Light is On”

Loving God,

This season of Lent calls us to have a change of heart, to turn back to you to receive love and mercy.

Flood me with your light this Lent, and bring your healing and peace into my struggles and worries.

Give me the courage to face my shortcomings, knowing that you welcome me with open arms when I return to you.

Draw me into your divine mystery so that I can be open to the new life which you offer me at Easter.

Amen.

Helen Leigh
Principal

Eco News

Last year when our school did Waste Free Wednesday, I got a lunch box with sections so I could put food in it without using rubbish. It then got me into the routine of having no waste and I am now totally waste free every day. Rylie P - Year 6

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Swimming Carnival

Thank you to all the many parents who helped at our recent Swimming Carnival at the Warringah Aquatic Centre.



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CURRICULUM NEWS

Sustainability Program: During last Friday's Science planning with parents, we shared ideas on developing a sustainability program at St Martin's. This will involve students designing gardens to grow food, planting more native plants to beautify the school, starting a worm farm, reducing our waste and recycling more. As part of this program all students will be given the opportunity to visit the Kimbriki eco-house and gardens over the next two weeks. Below are some photos.



Stage 3 students learning about worm farming at Kimbriki Eco House



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Cooperative Planning with Parents 2: We continue the cooperative planning program on Friday 9th March. Parents from all classes are warmly invited to help plan Home Links in Religious Education. Home Links are the connection points between home and school in RE. They can include interviews, games, discussions etc. If you have an interest in this area 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**

Competitions: I will notify you of any competition that children can enter as they come to my attention throughout the year. Currently I have details for the following competitions:

- UNSW ICAS Competitions: There are competitions in Computer Skills, Science, English, and Mathematics in Terms 2 & 3 for students in Year 2 and above. Entry is via the form below.
- Write 4Fun poetry and short story writing competition with prizes to be won. Open to all students K-6, this writing competition closes on 31st March. Entry is via: www.write4fun.net

Christopher Biefeld
Assistant Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Premiers Reading Challenge

This year we will again be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. We are encouraging the whole school to participate! If you would like your child to participate they need to register their name with me by the end of March. Once I have received the user names and passwords students will be able to add books to their online reading log by logging in on the PRC home page at: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Students in K-2 have to read, (or have read to them) 30 books from the PRC list. Children in years 3-6 have to read 20 books, 15 of which must be from the list. The students have until Friday 31st August to read their required number books. The lists can be accessed online at: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

There are many books in our library to choose from which have special sticker on making it easier to choose a book. This is a great way for students to greatly improve their reading, and also open them up to a variety of different texts.

Happy Reading!

Angie Debien
Teacher Librarian

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MISSION NEWS

Last Sunday's Family Mass

Thank you to all the students and their families that came along to our Family Mass last Sunday. We had an enormous turnout. It was just lovely seeing so many families celebrating together. For those families who couldn't join us, we have another family mass coming up next term.

Year of the Youth Liturgy

Yesterday, students from Kindy to Year 4, led by Father Jose celebrated a liturgy in the Church for the Year of the Youth. The Year of the Youth invites the Church into prayerful discernment about the importance of the life-giving presence of young people in the local church and society. It calls for dialogue and active engagement focussed on the reconnection and renewal of a new generation of the young people in the life of the church.



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The Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Thursday 15th March, students in Stage 2 will be receiving the Sacrament of their First Reconciliation. The celebration will begin at 4pm in our St Martin's Catholic Church. Please keep these students in your prayers.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

This year we are celebrating the events of Holy Week with a different Liturgy each day. Teachers and students are busy preparing a moving and prayerful celebration to share with you. Please make a note of the dates and times for each Liturgy. These liturgies will be held in various locations around our beautiful school.

K/1/2 - **PALM SUNDAY** 2:40pm Monday 26.3.18
Year 3/4 - **LAST SUPPER** 9:15am Wednesday 28.3.18
Year 5 - **GOOD FRIDAY** 2:40pm Thursday 29.3.18
Year 6 - **RESURRECTION** 2:40pm Wednesday 4.4.18



Co-Planning with Parents

This Friday, 9th March, we would like to invite parents to a planning session with Teachers to co-plan aspects of the Term 1 Religious Education Units. We'd love you to come along and shared your thoughts and ideas.

Mrs Kate Adamo
Religious Education Coordinator

BIRTHDAYS

The following children have their birthdays in the coming week:

March 7 Oscar S Year 1



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Positive Behaviours for Learning Corner

In response to our parent meeting on school behaviour procedures last week we have realised that Parents are keen to know more about how St Martin's manages behavioural issues.



This week we would like to discuss our PBL (Positive Behaviours for learning) program.

At St Martins we are a school who uses PBL as a program to help with positively managing behaviour in school.

It is a whole school approach. A school matrix of rules demonstrates the rules that the school follows. This program encourages positive behaviours in children to help with their learning. Each fortnight a new rule is introduced and discussed with the children. It is a process of remind and reteach the positive rules we wish to follow.

When a student has an issue in school it is discussed with the student and reflection time is given to allow students to realise which positive rule has not been followed.

If deemed necessary the reflection sheet is sent home for discussion and signing with the students' parents. There is a phone call or discussion with parents if required.

Each reflection sheet is then discussed with the student and data entered to a school wide spreadsheet. This spreadsheet is monitored by our school wellbeing and PBL team, which consists of teachers and parents.

At St Martin's there is always an element of restorative justice where the student who has hurt another is asked to work on restoring the relationship by "making it right" with the person who has been affected by the inappropriate behaviour. Sometimes this results in a consequence, which may include some time off the playground or community service.

The staff at St Martins are committed to following up issues and are happy to speak to students and parents in a positive manner to help guide students through behaviour issues.

The School encourages all students to discuss these rules with family and hopefully with home support they can further develop understanding around these rules.

We hope that this helps explain a little of the process of PBL. Please feel free to come and speak to staff and more importantly to your children about PBL.

The focus rule for this fortnight is: At St Martins we are Strong and Gentle learners when we "Care for Our School". Over these two weeks we are asking if parents to discuss and work with children on ways that children could care for our school.

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We are also aware that parents may be interested to know what behaviours are evident to staff at school and needing attention. Parents could assist by backing up with discussions and positive reinforcement of appropriate behaviours.

This week staff are working with children on appropriate forms of play where physical actions are careful and appropriate and not aggressive. This is in response to some inappropriate actions that occurred on the playground last week.

School Rules - Positive Behaviours For Learning

At St Martin's we are 'strong and gentle' learners when we:

Care for Learning

Learn and let others learn.
Be an active listener.
Be prepared and do your best.

Care for Self and Others

Safe and caring actions.
Care for your appearance.
Use kind words.
Be fair and inclusive.

Care for the Environment

Care for belongings.
Care for our school.
Keep a safe environment.

We really appreciate all parent support with reinforcing these positive rules.

Mrs Susanne Bragge
PBL Coach

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COOPERATIVE PLANNING WITH PARENTS



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Entertainment Book

Support St Martin's Primary School and you'll be rewarded!

We are raising funds for our fundraising and you can help. Order the NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you will also be supporting our fundraising. PLUS, order now to receive **over \$165** of bonus Early Bird Offers (hurry, these sell out quickly).

[CLICK HERE.](#)

Assembly Awards 2.40pm Thursday 8th March 2018

Amelia I	Harrison B	Oscar S
Ashley B	Hayden Mc	Ryan D
Charlie B	Heidi M	Rylie P
Chris P	James B	Samara H
Dante B	Lily M	Sebastian B
Eddie I	Luke V	Siena D
Eden R	Marley G	Sophia G
Emilie H	Matilda G	Sophie H
Gabrielle G	Noah V	William R
Hamish F	Olivia H	

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Diary Dates

March	7	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
	9	Cooperative Planning with Parents 2 (see Curriculum News for times) Tuck Mufti & Gold Coin for Yr 6 Graduation RE Planning Sessions with parents: 9.30am Yrs 3 & 4; 11.15am Yrs 5 & 6; 1.45pm K-2
	10	Reconciliation Classes
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	12	Lunch: Jazz Band
	13	7.45am Concert band 9.00am Yr 3-6 Cross Country (wet weather date March 20 th) 9.30am-12.30pm K-2 Kimbriki Excursion Recess: Woodwind Lunch: Training Band 1.45pm K-2 Cross Country (wet weather date March 20 th)
	14	4.00pm & 5.30pm Year 3 First Reconciliation (OLGC Church)
	15	9.15am Mass (K/1) 9.30am-12.30pm Yrs 3 & 4 Kimbriki Excursion 2pm Reconciliation (Yr 5) 6.00pm Year 3 First Reconciliation (St Martin's Church)
	16	ISDA Debating (Pymble) ICAS Entries & Payments Due – No late entries please
	17	St Patrick's Day
	27	Athletics Carnival K-6

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Staff Mass at Waitara with Bishop Comensoli



PPC

Call for Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

Like to be more involved in the life of our Parish? Nominations are now open for 6 new members of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The role of the PPC is to support and advise the Parish Priest in fostering the spiritual and pastoral life of our community. Evening meetings are held about 5 times a year. We are looking for nominees from a wide variety of backgrounds. They should be actively involved in the life of our Parish. The term is for two years and training is provided. Nominations close Sunday 11th March.

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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, Tanya B
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, Chris H
Class Parent Liaison	Josie B	PE	Suzy L
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 & Suzy L	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	Dominique D'A
Year 5	Belinda F & Deanna C
Year 6	Belinda F & Rebecca Quayle

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The simplest way

...to help parents *Eat It To Beat It*.

Want to learn more about getting your family to eat well to reduce cancer risk, and empower other parents to do the same?

Join Cancer Council NSW's *Eat It To Beat* program as a volunteer Program Facilitator.

We will train and support you to deliver free Healthy Lunch Box sessions and Fruit & Veg Sense workshops that:



- Help families to reduce their cancer risk.
- Make a difference in your community.
- Increase your confidence and improve your presentation skills.

For more information email eatittobeatit@nswcc.org.au or phone (02) 4923 0710.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Eat It To
Beat It 

Tuck Mufti Pizza Day Friday 9th of March 2018



2 Slices of Pizza
1 Packet of Chips
1 Popper Juice
for
\$6



(Additional pizza slice \$2.00 each)

No pizza option for \$2.00 – chips and popper only

Please order on-line through QKR.

(NO other QKR lunch orders this day only)

Everyone will need to order on line

Orders starting NOW!

CLOSE Wednesday 7th March
at 4.30pm.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Options available on QKR:

Pizza selection available:

Cheese

Ham and Pineapple

Meatlovers

Yes I would like a Cheese Gluten Free pizza

Yes I would like an additional pizza slice (add \$2.00)

No Pizza – only chips and popper (\$2.00 only)

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REGISTER NOW AT [AUSSIEHOOPS.COM.AU](http://aussiehoops.com.au)

Learn to Play Basketball for all kids 5-12

Fridays Term 2 Fridays May 11th- June 29th (8 weeks)

GALSTAUN COLLEGE

5 Chiltern Road, Ingleside, NSW 2101

5:30 to 6.30pm

Aussie Hoops Coach is JEROME LEE all participants receive a Basketball Australia pack which includes an Indoor outdoor basketball, Reversible playing singlet and a gym sack. The cost is \$110 for (Eight weeks) all inclusive. Book on the Aussie Hoops site <http://www.aussiehoops.com.au>



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