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Year 3 and 4 Children Celebrating their First Reconciliation

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Dear Families,

Thank you for taking the time to attend your child's individual goal setting meeting this week. Almost 100% of parents have made appointments for a three-way meeting to discuss the goals for their child's reading, mathematics and social and emotional learning for the term ahead.

Individual goal setting is one of the ways that we are hoping to develop children as learners and particularly at the point of "challenge" and student "agency".

Broken Bay Learning Principles

WITH THE LEARNER AT THE CENTRE, WE BELIEVE...



Learning happens at the point of challenge

LEARNERS

As learners, we

- believe not knowing is an opportunity rather than a deficit
- enjoy and feel motivated by challenges
- know when we persevere, we improve

EDUCATORS

As educators, we

- expect all people can learn
- seek to discover what learners already know, value and are able to do
- assist all learners in extending their levels of thinking and understanding
- value individual difference

FAMILIES

As families, we

- know that challenge can be uncomfortable but trust that challenge stimulates our creativity and innovation
- support our children to take calculated risks in their learning
- provide feedback about the importance of process rather than outcome

An opportunity that you can use to further assist with this area of "challenge" is when your child encounters difficulties, it's all too easy to jump in to solve the problem and rescue him/her. Instead, ask questions that will help him/her to think through the problem, identify, and choose a course of action to move forward (with your support).

We look forward to hearing your feedback about your experience of the individual goal setting meeting.

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Invitation - Grounds working bee dates for 2018

Our first grounds working bee will take place on Sunday 8 April, straight after the 8:30 am Mass starting at 9:30 am. Some of the jobs on the list this time include marking the handball courts, trimming hedges at the front of the school and near office, sanding and painting the building blocks, and possibly some planting.

A quick working bee – 9:30 – 12:00 Midday will get most of the jobs around the school done and still get you home in time for lunch!

NAPLAN workshop for parents - Monday coffee morning with the Principal

If you would like to know more about how you can help your child with NAPLAN, come along to the Principal's coffee morning on Monday 26 March from 9:00 – 10:00 am. Please RSVP (to office phone or email) so that materials can be produced.

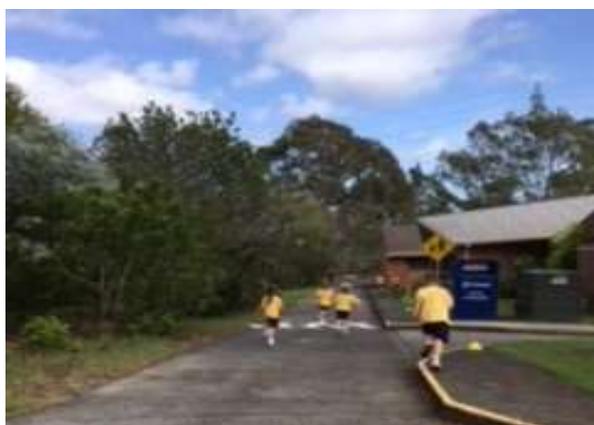
If you can't attend on Monday and you would like to know more, please make an individual time to discuss NAPLAN with your child's Teacher or me.

Mrs Deborah Morehouse – best wishes for you retirement

Mrs Morehouse has recently sold her house in the local area and has plans to move out of Sydney. Mrs Morehouse has let us know that she is looking forward to enjoying retirement from the end of term one. Mrs Morehouse has contributed in many ways to the school community over several years, with highlights including the annual Italian Day. We wish Mrs Morehouse and her husband Rod all the very best as they plan for the future.

Cross Country

Thank you Mrs Vanessa Wallace for organising a very successful Cross Country competition. Thank you also to the many parents who cheered on the children and helped with the smooth running of the morning - Kate S, Paul and Amanda K, Scott H, Darren N, Tanya B, Sean F, Catherine B, Rebecca Q, Johanna L, and Lisa McM. It was great to see every child having a go and encouraging each other.



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HOLY WEEK

On Palm Sunday we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, as crowds of people welcomed him with palms and shouting 'Hosanna!', acknowledging God's saving power. Yet the moment of euphoria did not last. Jesus had travelled to Jerusalem before, but this would be his last time. He would be betrayed, tried as a criminal and executed in the Roman way of his time: death by crucifixion" ([Mk 11:1-10](#))

Palm Sunday is the last Sunday before Easter and the start of Holy Week.

[More about Palm Sunday from Catholic Online](#)

I look forward to seeing you at our Holy Week Liturgies next week.

Helen Leigh

Principal



CURRICULUM NEWS

Curriculum News

Goal Setting Interviews: After spending the last two days with John Hattie and others at the Visible Learning Conference, it was great to have our goal-setting initiative confirmed as being a successful strategy.

This strategy will help ensure that every student at St Martin's will make at-least one year's progress every year they attend our school. By showing the students what they are actually working towards and letting them know how they can achieve these goals, we are setting our students up for success. We are also assisting them to become more confident and resourceful learners. We are helping them become more resilient and reflective, and most importantly, we are getting them to be more responsible for their learning.

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The goal-setting interviews we are sharing this week are also being followed up each day in the classroom. Each lesson, teachers share with the class the learning goal for that lesson. We call these goals our Lesson Intentions. Teachers share with the students exactly what the teacher intends for the students to learn during that lesson. The teachers then engages with the students to co-construct a Success Criteria to help the students understand exactly how they can achieve that lesson goal

The third part of this strategy is to give students feedback along the way about how successful they are in using the Success Criteria to achieve the Lesson Intention. This helps the students to know if they are on track or whether they need to make modifications to what they are working on in order to achieve the lesson goal.

So as you can see, at St Martin's, we are very focused on helping all students to achieve worthwhile progress and maximizing their learning opportunities. We want every student to be and feel successful. All of our students have fantastic opportunities to learn and grow and we have the right strategies to help ensure each and every one of our students to reach their potential.

Eco News

Waste Free Wednesday: A huge thank you to all the families who are trying so hard to be waste-free each Wednesday. After a slow start last week (many students forgot) we have greatly reduced our amount of plastic waste this week. Every class had less than 1 piece of plastic per student on average today. This week's winning class with the least amount of waste per student was Year 2 with 0.2 pieces of plastic waste.

In fact, students from Kindy – Year 2 had a totally waste-free shared lunch today to help students understand the importance of being waste free.

Please try to pack food for recess and lunches without using soft plastic every day, but especially on Wednesday.

Marley, Natasha, Xavier and Chris from the Environment Ministry



Christopher Biefeld
Assistant Principal

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MISSION NEWS

An Invitation to Parents

Dear Parents, we would like to invite you to attend our Holy Week Celebrations beginning on Monday 26th March. Each day we will be celebrating with a different liturgy to commemorate an event in Holy Week.

Monday 26th March 2018

Students in Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2
will host a Palm Sunday
Liturgy at 2:40pm



Wednesday 28th March 2018

Students in Year 3 and Year 4
will host a Last Supper Liturgy
Liturgy at 9:15am



Thursday 29th March 2018

Students in Year 5 will host a
Good Friday / Crucifixion
Liturgy at 2:40pm



Wednesday 4th April 2018

Students in Year 6 will host a
Easter / Resurrection
Liturgy at 2:40pm



Project Compassion

Please give generously to Project Compassion. Every cent will help to create 'A Just Future' and work towards eradicating poverty. Take a look at these staggering statistics...

- *Nearly 1/2 of the world's population — more than 3 billion people are living in poverty*
- *1 billion children worldwide are living in poverty.*
- *According to UNICEF, 22,000 children die each day due to poverty. That is the seating capacity of Brookvale Oval!*

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- 805 million people worldwide do not have enough food to eat.
- More than 750 million people lack adequate access to clean drinking water. Diarrhoea caused by inadequate drinking water, sanitation, and hand hygiene kills an estimated 842,000 people every year globally, or approximately 2,300 people per day.
- In 2011, 165 million children under the age 5 were stunted (reduced rate of growth and development) due to chronic malnutrition.

Please visit the Caritas / Project Compassion website to learn more about how our donations can help create 'A Just Future'.

<http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>

Mrs Kate Adamo
Religious Education Coordinator



PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR A JUST FUTURE

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support! Donate now.

YEAR OF YOUTH 2018



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Wellbeing of Children.

As we work together this week on goal setting with our children we are all looking to assist in helping children their emotional development. Here is an article about how important adults are in helping children manage their emotions.

As teachers we see managing emotions as vitally important in managing behaviours in the classroom and the playground. We home we can work together with parents to work the emotional journey with our children.

Children need adults to help them manage their emotions

Children need repeated experiences of having their needs met by a responsive and caring adult to help them develop a positive sense of self, manage their emotions and to get along with others. When children have these experiences they are more likely to be mentally healthy and have good relationships with others. This contributes to their feelings of satisfaction, happiness and overall success in life.

Parents and carers can extend children's development of emotional skills by helping to manage children's emotions and behaviours. This involves gently guiding children's learning through steps to help them achieve something that they possibly may not be able to do on their own. Children learn self-control and appropriate emotional expression and behaviour by watching and experiencing how other people manage their emotions and from their own experiences of how others behave with them.

Parents and carers can help contain children's stressful experiences (e.g., when they feel overwhelmed, unsure or frightened) by showing them how to become calm and get their needs met. Children who have consistently experienced warm and responsive care develop a sense of security and trust that their primary caregiver will be available to return to for emotional support after they have explored and ventured into their environment. This reduces their stress and provides feelings of safety, trust and predictability that are important for children's developing sense of self.

Warm, trusting and responsive care towards children enables them to respond with appropriate emotions and internalise a positive view of themselves and others, learning appropriate behaviour and developing an understanding concern for others. Children who have been helped to manage their difficult feelings gradually learn how to do this for themselves.

Over time children become more independent in managing their emotions across more situations; however, it is important to acknowledge that turning to others for guidance and support, especially in times of stress, remains an important coping skill throughout life.

When children learn to trust there are others to support them to feel safe and calm, they are able to grow and develop and create positive experiences essential for their mental health and wellbeing. Warm, responsive and trusting care builds resilience in children and helps them to cope with distress. This provides children with a sense of control and optimism about what they are capable of which is important for their developing sense of self.

Mrs Susanne Bragge
PBL Coach



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ASSEMBLY AWARDS 2.40PM THURSDAY

Abby Mc
Amelia G
Anna K
Christian N
Cooper S
Ethan S
Evie K
Fabrizio I
Flynn H
Harrison D

Hayden M
Holly C
Jasmine B
Jeremy L
Kiah P-P
Lexie H
Liam M
Lucy V
Max F
Noah V

Oliver G
Olivia H
Pacha S
Rohan C
Rose H
Sami H
William H
Zachary M

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS Wednesday 2nd May – Winter Uniform

Photo envelopes have been sent home, please return these as soon as possible to the Office. If you require a sibling order envelope, please collect one from the Office or at Pick Up (in the leaflet holders). If you need winter uniform for school photo day (first week of term 2) please order from Pickles now!

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.](#)

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BAND NEWS

Please note that due to price increases, reeds are now \$5 each from the office.

As the Athletics Carnival has been cancelled, Mr Gilpin will run all bands next week:

Monday: Jazz

Tuesday: Concert, Wind & Training Bands

BIRTHDAYS

The following children have their birthdays in the coming week:

March	22	Rose H	Year 1
	24	Gabrielle G Jeremy L	Year 2 Kindy



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 of Book Club has been sent home with all students.

Orders and payment are due by Wednesday 28th of March.

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.

LIBRARY

Premier's Reading Challenge

Thank you to those students who have shown interest in participating in this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. It would be wonderful if the whole school took part in this challenge so I have generated user names and passwords for all students this year. Students will have received those yesterday along with a yellow Personal Reading Log sheet. Please keep the user names and passwords in a safe place. These will remain the same every year. If lost, students can ask myself or their class teacher to give them their details.

Please go to the following website: <http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au>, which will provide you with details on how to log in and how to complete the online reading log. Please refer to the rules below so you are familiar with how the challenge works.

Rules

1. The Challenge opens on 5 March 2018. **You must complete your online Student Reading Record by 31 August 2018 (11:59 pm) to complete the Challenge.**
2. You must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

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Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

3. Books you read after the Challenge closes can count towards the next year's Challenge.

4a. K-2 students, you can read the books on your own, read them with someone, or someone can read them to you.

4b. 3-4, 5-6, 7-9 students, you must read the books on your own, but someone can help you choose them.

5. In a series on the PRC booklist, you can read any two books as PRC books. You can read up to five other books from the same series as Personal Choice books.

6a. K-2 students, you can read books or have them read to you in your home language.

6b. 3-4, 5-6, 7-9 students, you must read all PRC books in English. You may read Personal Choice books in your home language.

7. K-2 students only - If you can read simple chapter books on your own, you can attempt the 3-4 Challenge. You need to change your online Student Reading Record to Challenge level 3-4.

8. 3-4, 5-6, 7-9 students only - If your teacher thinks you need extra help, you can listen to unabridged audio versions of the books - as long as you read along.

9. If you complete your online Student Reading Record by 31 August 2018, and it is validated by your school by 8 September (11:59 pm), you will be eligible for a PRC certificate in Term 4.

10. The certificates you can receive for completing the Challenge are:

Year of completing PRC	Award received
First year	Challenge completion certificate
Second year	Challenge completion certificate
Third year	Challenge completion certificate
Fifth year	Challenge completion certificate
Sixth year	Challenge completion certificate
Eighth year	Challenge completion certificate
Ninth year	Challenge completion certificate
Tenth year	Challenge completion certificate
Fourth year (not consecutive)	Gold certificate
Seventh year (not consecutive)	Platinum certificate
Every year from Year 3 to Year 9 (inclusive). Therefore only Year 9 students are eligible.	Medal

Good luck with the challenge and happy reading everyone!

Angela Debien

Teacher Librarian

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LEARN TO PLAY GUITAR

Hi all! My name is Mitch McDonough and I am a local musician and guitar teacher in the area. I have recently started here at St Martin's and wanted to extend an invitation of my services to you all as parents!

I studied at the Australian Institute of Music for 3 years, earned my bachelor degree in music and you'll find me most weekends playing somewhere in Sydney. I live in Davidson and love to teach guitar and open the doorway for people to learn and grow through the context of a musical instrument.

I focus my lessons on fun and easy to learn principles and songs. We also use the Rockschool Curriculum which gives the students the opportunity to work towards doing an examination with a Rockschool marker and progress through grades.

I am doing 30 min lessons at the school on Tuesdays. If this is something you're interested in I would love to hear from you. It is not required to be in the band program to learn guitar or bass guitar with me, however you will need your own instrument.

Trial lessons on offer – give me a call to discuss!

Thanks a lot!

Mitch

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mitchmcdonough1@gmail.com



FUNDRAISER – EASTER EGG GUESSING COMPETITION

Year 6 is raising money for the sacred space
- Two guesses for \$1



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Diary Dates

March	21	Student Goal Setting Interviews Basketball K-6
	22	9.15am Mass (Years 5 & 6) 2.40pm Assembly Student Goal Setting Interviews
	23	ISDA Debating (Stella)
	26	Lunch: Jazz Band 2.40pm Palm Sunday Liturgy (K-6)
	27	*** Cancelled: Athletics Carnival K-6 New date TBA *** Bands are now ON!
	28	9am K-6 Holy Thursday Liturgy 2pm Mater Maria Anti Bullying Play (Years 4-6) Basketball K-6
	29	2.40pm Good Friday Liturgy (K-6)
	30	Good Friday – school closed
	31	10am – 12 noon Easter Egg Hunt Davidson RFS
April	1	Easter Sunday
	2	Easter Monday – school closed
	3	Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day – School Closed Last day for collecting Coles Sports for Schools vouchers
	4	2.40pm Easter Liturgy (K-6) Basketball K-6
	5	9.15am Mass (Year 2) 2.40pm Assembly
	6	ISDA Debating (Stella) 3.15-4.30pm Stay & Play
	9	Lunch: Jazz Band
	10	All Bands on Soccer Gala Day (Years 3 & 4) Robotics presentation afternoon – all welcome (Library)

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| 11 | CBA Start Smart (Years 1-6)
Basketball K-6 |
| 12 | 9.15am Mass (K/1)
2pm Reconciliation (Yrs 3 & 4)
Soccer Gala Day (Years 5 & 6) |
| 13 | Last Day of Term 1
QKR orders close for Year 6 Jerseys 4.30pm
Last day for Coles vouchers please |

Our Holiday Care Service offers alternative activities for the **school holidays** for families and we welcome children from all schools.

We also provide a program for **children up to 14 years of age** during the school holidays.

<http://www.glenaeonoosh.com.au/holiday-care-bookings.html>

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WHERE: DAVIDSON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE
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Bring your children, 12 years and under, for a



HUNT for EASTER EGGS



and to climb on a real **FIRE TRUCK.**

This hunt will go on - regardless of the weather !

Entry: **\$2 GOLD COIN** DONATION for EASTER EGG HUNT

Enjoy: Sausage Sizzle - Bacon & Egg Rolls - Espresso Coffee - Cold Drinks

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The simplest way

...to swap unhealthy snacks.

Visit the Healthy Swaps section of our new Healthy Lunch Box website for tips and recipe inspiration on swapping out unhealthy launch box snacks - healthylunchbox.com.au/recipes/healthy-swaps

Try swapping store bought muesli bars with homemade chewy fruit and seed bars, fruit loaf or banana pikelets.



Swap lollies and chocolate bars with dried fruit, bliss balls, celery boats with sultanas or reduced fat custard tubs.

Swap out sweet and flavoured biscuits with homemade vegie or fruit muffins or biscuits, wholemeal crackers with hummus or baked pita bread with vegie dip.

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