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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

Today our Teachers will have the professional learning opportunity to work with Ron Ritchhart again. Ron Ritchhart is a Senior Research Associate at Harvard Project Zero where his work focuses on teaching for understanding, the development of intellectual character, creative teaching, making students' thinking valued, visible, and actively promoted in their classrooms.



Ron's research is classroom and school-based, believing that teaching is a complex art and science that must be understood in context.

Over the past three years you will have noticed a considerable shift in the way our teachers promote thinking in their classrooms, using thinking routines and closely tuning in to what children are thinking and how they are learning. We are talking less, listening more, and supporting children to have a go at solving their learning and social challenges rather than "rescuing" them as a first action. This is another step in working towards developing children who are able to think and solve problems in a creative and collaborative way; skills needed for them to thrive now and in the future.



### Eco Grant

Thank you to Mr Biefeld for achieving the Eco Grant and for coordinating the construction of our school garden. Come and have a look at the progress we have made last weekend thanks to Mrs Bragge, Fiona Y, Eva Y, Zoe Y, Gabby C, Mick C, Ben C and Alex C. It is looking fantastic and it won't be long before each class can start planting.



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## Staff News

Mr Chris Biefeld (Assistant Principal) will be taking long service leave for the next two weeks, from Friday 8 June until Friday 22 June. We wish Mr Biefeld a well-earned break and look forward to his return on Monday 25 June.

Mrs Kate Adamo (Religious Education Coordinator - REC) has taught at St Martin's since 2003 and has led the school in Religious Education since 2008. This year Mrs Adamo completes her contractual period as our school's REC.

In accordance with diocesan policy, Mrs Adamo will be engaging in a contract renewal process. The purpose of this process is to:

- rejoice in successes and celebrate achievements;
- identify areas for professional development to enhance current effectiveness and future potential; and
- demonstrate accountability to parish, school and the Director of schools.

As part of the contract renewal process you are invited to complete a survey regarding the effectiveness of Mrs Adamo's leadership as the REC for St Martin's School. This online survey will be emailed to you this week and your prompt feedback would be appreciated so that responses can be collated by the end of June.

## First Holy Communion

Here are some lovely photos of the celebrations and family gatherings that took place last weekend. The ceremonies continue this weekend for some of our Year Three children, so please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they celebrate their First Communion this weekend.

Helen Leigh  
Principal



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## CURRICULUM NEWS

**Assessment and Reporting:** Class teachers have been collecting information on student academic performance and effort all semester and are currently putting the final touches on the Semester 1 Reports. The main source of information teachers use is through the collection and analysis of student work samples across the different subject areas. By carefully considering how each student performs on a daily basis and comparing this information with syllabus expectations teachers are able to accurately determine student progress.

We are also reporting about your child's social and emotional (intrapersonal) development. We have been monitoring each student's development in the following five core competencies: Self Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills and Responsible Decision Making. To do this we use the diocesan K-6 Social and Emotional Skills Continuum and Tracking documents.

As I have previously indicated, social and emotional development is one of the three competencies that students must attend to in order to reach their potential. Research shows that these three competencies are intertwined and need to be developed in unison. The development of any one competency assists the development of the other two. Conversely, limited development in any one competency hinders the development in the other two.

Reports will be emailed to you on Thursday 21st June and Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 26-28 June. Please see the attached letter.

During the interview we will be sharing the term 2 goals for students as part of our Goal Setting program that commenced last term.

**Eco-Grant in action:** Thank you to the brave families who helped to start the new garden area last weekend. If you have a look at the space behind the cubby house you will see a type of mandala garden space taking shape. There will be eight separate beds when completed. Surrounding this are eight big blue pots that we have repurposed from giant storage barrels. There are also a couple of bath-tubs that will be turned into wicking beds sometime in the future.

### **Eco News: St Martin's is now a waste-free school.**

After the success of our Waste-Free Wednesdays we are now going waste-free every day of the week. Thank you to all the families who are already on board. In fact, most students are currently bringing their food to school without any waste plastic at all. Keep up the great work!

**Bahar, Cooper and Jacob from the Environment Ministry**

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the following parents who helped with Tuck Mufti on Friday: Josie and Luke B, Amanda K, Deborah W, Kate M, Carol B, Sarah-Jane H, Kylie V, Louise H and Linda H.

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## MISSION NEWS

### *Sweeter than Honey Scripture Summit*

#### **A professional learning initiative**

'Sweeter than honey' is a professional learning initiative for teachers of Religious Education in the Diocese of Broken Bay. The purpose of the summit is to support teachers in engaging their students in a more critical, creative and prayerful encounter with the Word of God.

The Summit will be held at the Northside Conference Centre in St Leonards on the 25 and 26 July. The Diocese of Broken Bay is also extending an invitation to parents to attend the summit free of charge on either one or both days.

For further information or to register your interest, please contact Jo Spek on 9847 0303 or [jo.spek@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jo.spek@dbb.catholic.edu.au)



### *First Eucharist*

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated in our Parish over the next two weekends.

- St Martin's 3rd June at the 8.30am Mass
- St Anthony's 10th June at the 9:00am Mass
- OLGC - all Masses over the weekends of 2/3 June and 9/10 June  
- mass times are Saturday Evening 5:30pm Sunday Morning 10am

We congratulate our Year 3 and 4 students who are receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist and wish them well as they begin the next step in the Catholic Faith journey.



**Mrs Kate Adamo**  
**Religious Education Coordinator**

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## LIBRARY NEWS

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Becky K in Year 2 for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done Becky!

**New PRC Booklist!** - Many great new titles have been added to all the PRC reading lists! To access the NEW TITLES go to the website and click on the NEW TITLES image. <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au>

Remember to log the books you have read onto your reading log. Please let Mrs Debien know when you have completed the challenge.

Angie Debien  
Teacher Librarian

## CATHOLIC CARE OSHC

Welcome to Gabi Goddard (right) the new Acting Co-ordinator at Catholic Care with Janice Haviland (left).



## SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! St Martins Annual Spring Outdoor Cinema Event  
Saturday 15th September.

This is a community event so spread the word! More details to come on movie of choice and a call out for valuable parent help.

## BIRTHDAYS

The following children have their birthdays in the coming week:

June	11	Max M	Year 5
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## WELLBEING

As we all hit a busy time of year with many things going on in our lives it is important to remember that there are lots of ways to show you care even in busy families. I know as a teacher and Mother I can forget the importance of showing I care. I found some helpful tips on the KidsMatter website.

[https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/sites/default/files/public/KMP\\_C3\\_FR\\_BuildingBetterFamilyRelationships.pdf](https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/sites/default/files/public/KMP_C3_FR_BuildingBetterFamilyRelationships.pdf)

It is great to reflect and even talk to children about how to show they care. I have some simple tips for this week and more next week. I hope you find them useful.

### THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS TO SHOW YOU CARE EVEN IN BUSY FAMILIES

#### Tune in

One way to show you care is by listening to what other family members have to say with interest and enthusiasm. Other ideas include doing things for one another, helping (without complaining!), celebrating birthdays and achievements, and taking the time to understand how other family members are feeling.

Hugs are another favourite.

#### Have fun together

Spend time doing things you enjoy. Doing simple things that allow you to relax and play together is very important for building positive feelings and connections amongst family members. Playing games or sports, going to the park, having picnics, visiting with friends or just relaxing together are examples of family activities that help to build relationships.

#### Family rituals

Family rituals can help to build a sense of connection and belonging. These may include family celebrations that happen once a year, as well as everyday activities like bedtime stories, morning cuddles or cooking a special meal together once a week. Having family rituals and routines that you enjoy together helps to create strong family bonds.

#### Make time to talk

Regular time for talking and listening to one another helps families to plan and set priorities, strengthen relationships and build mutual understanding. Taking a few minutes to talk with children after school or before bedtime, and making time for adults to 'check in' with each other, is important for building connections and cooperation. Family discussions are often very helpful ways of resolving conflicts and maintaining positive relationships. Make sure that everyone gets a turn to share feelings and thoughts and contribute to finding solutions that can work for the whole family.

I hope this is helpful for all busy families (mine included).

Have a lovely caring week, Susanne Bragge – Wellbeing Leader

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## Year Four Writer of the week!

*Year Four have been writing diary entries. We watched a short stimulus video about 'Reverso' who was stuck upside down. We then imagined that we were upside down and what challenges we might face. Year Four did a fantastic job and all came up with different ideas to share. What would you do if you were upside down?*



*Dear Diary,*

*Today I found out that being upside down has it's ups and downs! People laugh at me for being different but I think it's pretty cool. Hey, my name is Sucal (Lucas spelt backwards), I've been wondering why I'm like this? I was born normal but when I was 12 I flipped upside down. I have one question.... Who am I meant to be?*

*I have been struggling with eating, using a cubical, drinking and driving. Eating and drinking is also really hard because I choke most of the time because the food can't go down how it is supposed to when you're upside down.*

*Teletubbie (my roommate) helps me a lot, he is so helpful. I don't know if I could live without him. I am very thankful with his encouraging words, helping actions, carrying me (upside down) and of course tossing me food. I think as long as I have friends I can be whatever I want to be.*

*Rohan C*

## Scholastic Book Club

Issue 4 of Book Club has been sent home with all students.

Orders and payment are due by **Friday 22nd of June.**

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.

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## Diary Dates

June	7	7.45am Concert Band
	8	7.45am Training Band 9.15am Mass (3&4) 2.40pm Assembly
	9/10	First Holy Communion
	11	Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday
	12	4.30pm Disco Tickets cut off on QKR
	13	Maths Challenge 9.30-11am St Kevin's (Year 6 maths team) AFL (K-6)
	15	6.00-7.45PM P&F Kids Disco K-6 for students enrolled at St Martin's
	18	Jazz band on 9-10am Pop Up Playgroup K2019 (Library)
	21	Reports emailed home
	22	3.15-4.30pm Stay 'n' Play
	25-29	Parent Teacher Interviews

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS FRIDAY 2.40PM June 8<sup>th</sup>

Abby M	Year 2	Emilie H	Year 2	Olivia H	Year 5
Aidan B	Year 3	Eva Y	Year 2	Pacha S	Year 6
Amelia I	Year 3	Gabrielle G	Year 2	Rohan C	Year 4
Ashley B	Year 6	Grace I	Year 6	Ryan D	Year 6
Bahar A	Year 6	Harrison B	Year 2	Rylie P	Year 6
Benjamin C	Year 6	Lexie H	K/1	Sam M	Year 2
Brianna J	Year 3	Lucas D	Year 3	Samara H	K/1
Chris P	Year 5	Lucy V	Year 3	Sophia G	K/1
Cooper S	Year 5	Madeline T	K/1	Xavier C	Year 2
Eddie I	Year 4	Marley G	Year 5		
Eden R	Year 6	Mylo S	Year 4		

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## St Martin's Facebook Page



<https://www.facebook.com/stmartinsprimary>

## QKR

Mastercard have advised that as of today older versions of QKR will not work. If you do not have auto update in your phone or iPad settings simply go to the App Store and download the most recent version.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The 2018/19 Family Based Sacramental Program is due to commence with a parent information evening on **28 June 2018**. This evening is for parents only, children do not need to attend.

This program involves preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

**Confirmation will be held on Saturday 18 August at 10.00am and 12.00pm**

To be eligible for enrolment in this program your child must be baptized and at least in Year 2 at school. Confirmation is the first Sacrament after Baptism in Broken Bay Diocese.

If you are considering enrolling your child, it is essential to attend this information evening. Please note the process for enrollment has changed this year and so it will be most important for you to attend the meeting to hear the instructions for the enrollment process, only parents who attend this meeting will be eligible to enrol their child in the 2018/19 Sacramental Program.

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## Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents

Parent - Teacher interviews for this semester will be held on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June for all classes.**

You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST.**

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

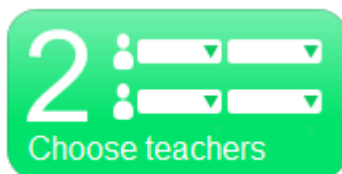
**BOOKINGS OPEN FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10:00am**  
**BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 2:30pm**



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Go

Enter THIS school event code.  
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, please send a note to school, as soon as possible, with the approximate times you require, or phone the school on 9452 2022. Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

**Please make a note of your booked time/s to avoid forgotten appointments or late arrivals.**

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on: 9452 2022.

**All interviews will be held in the school Library.**

**Parents, we ask that you please wait in the Multi-purpose Room for your interview.**

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## Pre Loved Uniform Available as at 29th May 2018

<b>GIRLS</b>	<i>Size 2</i>	<i>Size 4</i>	<i>Size 5</i>	<i>Size 6</i>	<i>Size 7</i>	<i>Size 8</i>	<i>Size 10</i>	<i>Size 12</i>	<i>Size 14</i>
Girls Long Sleeve Blouse		5		4		3	1		
Winter Dresses		2	1	8		2			3
Summer Dresses	2	8		1		2		1	
Dance Pants		1		1					
Tags	1								
<b>SPORTS &amp; UNISEX</b>									
Sport Tops				3		1	1		
Sport Shorts		1		1				1	1
Skort		3	2	5					
Tracksuit Pants		1							
Unisex Art Smock	2 x size Small								
Jumper (no Zip)			1			0	1		
Zip Up Jumper		3		3		2	2	1	
Winter Coat								1	
Girls St Martin's Swimsuits				3					
<b>BOYS</b>									
Boys Long Trousers			1	3	1	2	0		
Boys Shorts		2		6		1	5	4	2
Ties	Lots - One Size Fits All								
Boys Summer Shirts				11		2	10		
Boys Socks									
Winter Shirts				14		0	3	1	1

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

**If you would like to purchase any items please call into the office**

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

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**Come to St Martin's Disco  
for a night of grooving with**

Learn funky  
dance moves

Face painting

*Next  
Move*

Karaoke  
sing along

Have loads of  
fun dancing the  
night away!

**on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW**

*Where:* School Hall

*Time:* K-6 from 6pm - 7:45pm

*Cost:* \$13 per child includes hosted disco, hotdog,  
chips, water and 1x glow band

*QKR closes on Tuesday 12th June at 4:30pm*

Hope to see you there!

Let Mum & Dad know we're  
looking for helpers!

This is a school social event for those enrolled at St Martin's

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# Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

**Combines  
learning  
with fun!**



## Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

## St Martin's Primary School (Davidson) Chess Classes, 2018 Mondays 7:45AM - 8:45AM

Term 2	Cost: \$66	21st May - 2nd Jul*
Term 3	Cost: \$99	30th Jul - 24th Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$99	15th Oct - 10th Dec

\*Term 2 - No chess on 11th June (Public Holiday)

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at  
[www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment](http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment)

enter the code **XGBOMT6V24** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

*\*Fees are due on the first day of term. A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the start of the term.*

*No refunds or credits for missed lessons during the term and trial lessons must be paid for.*

*For pro-rata fees (ie. starting part way during the term) please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170.*

### OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include postage)

*To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment*

<b>Workbook 1 – Cost: \$30</b> [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	<b>Workbook 2 – Cost: \$30</b> [For Intermediate Players]	<b>Workbook 1 &amp; 2 – Cost: \$45</b> [SPECIAL OFFER]
<b>Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$41</b> [For Advanced Players]	<b>Chess Set &amp; Roll-up Board – Cost: \$33</b> [Recommended for All Ages]	<b>Chess Clock – Cost: \$76</b> [Recommended for All Ages]



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# It's easy being Green!

Reduce waste and demonstrate St Martin's commitment to  
Caring for the Environment in one easy step..

St Martin's is creating a range of sustainable shopping bags to coincide with the phase out of single use plastic bags in supermarkets. The bags will be printed with our school logo so you will be helping to promote the school and saving the environment every time you do your groceries.  
Easy!

Pre-Order now via QKR  
Bags will be delivered in June

**Tote Bag**  
High quality large laminated jute  
Padded cotton handles, seamed edges.  
42cm W x 33cm H x 15cm D



**Value Pack - \$15**

3 x Jute Tote Bags  
1 x Cooler Bag

**Cooler Bag**  
Thermal Lined Non Woven  
Zipped Lid Closure  
31cm W x 32cm H x 21cm D



**Singles  
\$5 each**



**Fold Up Bag**  
Wide Long Handles, Base Gusset  
Elastic Band Holds the Folded Bag into a  
Small Size  
42cm W x 40cm H x 8 cm D  
\* Bags will be NAVY Blue



**Fold Up Bag  
\$4 each**

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