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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to school for term three. It is always wonderful to see the children back and full of enthusiasm to see their friends and to get into the learning. Thank you to our dedicated Class Teachers who have spent time preparing their classrooms, teaching programs and resources during their holiday break. This term is already shaping up to be an eventful one before we even start! Some special dates to put in the diary are ...

Grandparents Day with Italian/Arts Day	23 <sup>rd</sup> August
"Back to School" Trivia Night	25 <sup>th</sup> August
Father's Day Breakfast with the opening of our Sacred Space (Aboriginal smoking ceremony)	31 <sup>st</sup> August
Book Week Assembly & Parade	3 <sup>rd</sup> September
Outdoor Cinema Night	15 <sup>th</sup> September
Band Camp Day	20 <sup>th</sup> September

### Thank you P&F for the new grass courtyard

Last year the P&F generously donated \$15,000 to upgrade the courtyard outside the K-2 classrooms. These funds will now also contribute to the installation of the pavers at the pick-up area. Thank you to our P&F – these are wonderful improvements to our school amenities.

Many of you have asked about the progress of the pavers – the update is that the company has produced all the pictures and family names on the individualised pavers and as soon as they deliver these to school we will be able to install them.



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**Working Bee – thank you St Martin’s families**

Thank you to Josh Schaap for coordinating the working bee on Sunday. It was a great community event with many parents and children helping to paint the fence, line mark the handball courts, move the mulch, complete the walkways in the eco garden bed and install post pads. The school looks fresh and very tidy for the return of the children. We are very fortunate to have such a generous parent community who are so willing to help to continue to improve our school.



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### Cultural performances

To celebrate NAIDOC week (8-15 July) Mr Biefeld has coordinated the performances of the indigenous dance group. The children enjoyed a dance performance followed by indigenous games today.



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## Now something for you – from Broken Bay Parent Council (now Catholic School Parents – CSP)

Listen to one of Australia's leading parenting experts "21 Days to a Happier Family" with Dr Justin Coulson.

When: Tuesday 31 July 7 pm for Tea / Coffee, 7.30 pm start  
Where: Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Ave, Waitara  
Enrol here: <https://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/dr-justin-coulson.html>

Author of four books including "21 Days to a Happier Family". Dr Coulson says 'Family life is pretty tough going sometimes. Most days are a struggle between strong-willed children and frazzled parents'.

### "Sweeter than Honey" Conference

Five staff will be attending the Sweeter than Honey conference over two days this week. This professional learning opportunity is a Broken Bay Diocese initiative and hopes to develop a deeper understanding of scripture so that we can be better teachers of this important area.

### Meals Help – thank you

A huge thank you to the families who provided meals at the end of last term. The St Martin's "Meals Help" committee of the P&F has a long tradition of providing family meals when needed. Families receiving meals last term were very grateful.

### Bishop Comensoli

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, until now the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, in northern Sydney and the Central Coast of NSW, has been appointed by Pope Francis as the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne

*"I will miss tremendously the wonderful people – laity, religious and clergy – of Broken Bay. For the all too brief time that it has been my privilege to serve them, I am proud to have been their friend and shepherd. Now I look forward to getting to know the people of Melbourne. And as a northerner, I will need some guidance around that mysterious code of football called AFL!"*



Archbishop-elect Comensoli will take up stewardship of the Archdiocese on 1 August 2018.



### Animator – Plenary Council 2020

Father Jose has appointed Mrs Susanne Bragge as the "animator" for the school. Mrs Bragge will be conducting interviews with parents and staff this term.

### "Back to School" Trivia Night

Michelle H (P&F Vice-President) and her team are organising our next P&F social night and it will be one of the best. Have a look at Fiona Y's (P&F President) stunning flyer for details, get a table together, or offer to help out a table, and buy your tickets on Qkr.

Good luck with trying to beat the "Teachers Pets" team!



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Plant a tree day – come and join us this Friday at 10am and follow Pope Francis’s encyclical – “Laudato Si” “On care for our common home”.

Helen Leigh  
Principal

## CURRICULUM NEWS

**Stage 3 Video Conference:** On Tuesday, the Stage 3 students participated in a Video-Conference with the Manly Environment Centre on the theme of “Plastic-Free July – Say NO to single use plastic”. The students had fun in this interactive process while learning about ways to reduce the amount of waste we produce in our homes.



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## St Martin's Spelling Strategies

- **Sound Strategy:** You can write some words by thinking about the sounds you hear in the word.
- **Visual Strategy:** You can write some words by thinking about the way the word looks and possible letter patterns.
- **Meaning Strategy:** You can write some words by thinking about their meaning, structure and origin.
- **Connecting Strategy:** You can use what you know about one word to help you spell another.
- **Checking Strategy:** People, books, charts and electronic devices can help you check your spelling.

### **Eco News: Remember, this month is National Plastic-Free July.**

You can help by asking shopkeepers to not use plastic bags when they give you your purchasers, only use "Keeper Cups" for coffee and not use plastic straws or plastic water bottles.

**National Plant a Tree Day – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July:** Students will be involved in National Plant a Tree Day this Friday to improve our school environment. Thanks to Northern Beaches Council, every student will be able to help plant a tree, bush or shrub on National Tree Day.

After we plant the trees, we will be hearing from Brian Norman from our parish and the Kieran's Creek Landcare Group about the ways the help our local environment.

To help make this day a success we will need our wonderful parents to come along to help.

**Environment Ministry**



## BIRTHDAYS

The following children celebrated their birthdays during the holidays:

July	9	Lucas D	Year 3
	10	Charlie L	Year 3
	19	Claire H	Year 3
		Emilie H	Year 2



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## SPORT NEWS

### Northern Beaches Cluster Athletic Carnival

Students who have qualified for the Cluster Athletics carnival will receive a note today. Could you please return these promptly and let Mrs Wallace know if your child will not be competing in any of their events. The carnival will be held at Narrabeen Athletics Track on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018**. Field events start at 8.30am and Track events at 9am. Transport to and from the event is parents responsibility. A St Martin's teacher will be attending to look after our students.

### Years 3-6 Gala Days Term 3

In week 10 of this term our Years 3-6 students will again be participating in Sports Gala Days with other Catholic Primary Schools from our local area. This term students will be able to choose between Eagle Tag (Flag Football) and Cricket. Both sports are open to boys and girls.

### Sporting Achievements

Special Congratulations to Amelia G who was part of the Polding Girls Soccer team who competed at the PSSA State event at the end of last term. A wonderful achievement.

Congratulations to Andrew B, Christian N and Amelia G who all competed at the Polding Cross Country at Eastern Creek at the end of last term. Great results were achieved by all.

Yours in sport.

Vanessa Wallace

smd.pfexec@gmail.com to register your interest including what you might sell. Priority will go to school families before we offer stalls to outside groups'."/>

**St Martin's  
Christmas Market**

**SATURDAY 22 DECEMBER**

**WANT TO HIRE A STALL?**

The P&F would like to run a Christmas Market on the multi-purpose court this Christmas.  
Calling all families that would be interested in hiring a stall to sell their wares - eg craft, art, food, jewellery etc.

Make the most of the crowds visiting the Christmas lights to make some extra cash for Christmas. (Small hire fee would be charged per stall)

Christmas is 5 months away so plenty of time to start making your products!  
Please email [smd.pfexec@gmail.com](mailto:smd.pfexec@gmail.com) to register your interest including what you might sell. Priority will go to school families before we offer stalls to outside groups

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## Diary Dates

July	26	Year 4 excursion George's Marvellous Medicine
	27	8am Term 2 Debating makeup lesson 9.15am Mass (Yr 3 and 4) Plant a Tree Day Year 2 excursion George's Marvellous Medicine
	28/29	Confirmation Classes
	30	Jazz band resumes Stage 3 AIME talk NB Athletics Notes Due
	31	ICAS English Woodwind resumes 7pm Dr Justin Coulson, Waitara
August	1	7pm School Advisory Trust meeting



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## LIBRARY NEWS

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Sophie and Sophia in Year 6 for completing their Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done! Students have until August 31<sup>st</sup> to complete their online reading records.

This week students in **Stage 2** read Mopoke by Philip Bunting ID: 3847

Students in **Early Stage 1 and Stage 1** read I just ate my friend by Heidi McKinnon - ID: 4785

Students can add these to their reading log.

### Book Week



Book Week will be celebrated between 18th – 24<sup>th</sup> August. The theme this year is: **“Find Your Treasure”**.

We have a number of events and activities planned leading up to and throughout book week. We will be having a competition again this year based on the theme “Find your Treasure”.

We would also like to invite parents and grandparents to bring in their favourite picture book and share it with the students. Students thoroughly enjoyed this experience last year!

Our Book Week Parade will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 2pm, in the hall so please pop this in your diaries.

Further details about our Book Week celebrations will be highlighted in our next newsletter, so stay tuned!

Angie Debien

Teacher Librarian

## ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Follow the link below to apply for a \$100 voucher to be used against registered sporting activities for your child/ren  
[Apply for an Active Kids voucher](#)

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## 2018/2019 CRICKET SEASON

We offer cricket for all ages, from Junior Blaster (4-6 year olds), Master Blaster (7-8 year olds), Junior Cricket (Under 10 to Under 18 competitions) and Seniors.

We also proudly offer several girls-only options: Master Blaster, Under 11, 13 and 15.

Further information and registration details can be found on our website:

[www.wakehurstredbacks.com.au](http://www.wakehurstredbacks.com.au)

Registrations open from Saturday 28th July. We will be at the Glenrose Shopping Centre from 9-3pm on Saturday 28th July if you have any questions. The cricket season commences from Saturday 8th September for those aged Under 12 and up. Other age groups commence from 20th October. We are all looking forward to another fun season, so register now and be part of a great cricket club!

## CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Martin's Primary School (Davidson) is held on Mondays from 7:45am to 8:45am, starting on 30 July 2018.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

## BOOK CLUB

Issue 5 of Book Club has been sent home with all students.

Orders and payment are due by **Friday 3rd of August**.

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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# Parents & Friends meeting

The St Martins P&F would like to invite you to join our Term 3 gathering.

7pm Wednesday  
August 8<sup>th</sup> 2018, in the hall.

Feel free to email

[stmartinsoc@stmartins.catholic.qld.edu.au](mailto:stmartinsoc@stmartins.catholic.qld.edu.au) with any agenda items prior to the meeting.



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# Comedy for a Cause

Featuring comedians from  
Sydney & Melbourne  
International Comedy Festival

In Support of:

**St Stephens Belrose Kindergarten**

**Friday  
17 August 2018**

**Venue:**

St Martin's Catholic Primary School  
147 Prahran Ave, Davidson



**BOOK  
NOW!**

Tickets: \$35 at  
[comedyforacause.net/SSK](http://comedyforacause.net/SSK)  
Doors: 7pm / Show: 8pm  
(18+ only)

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# Register Now!

## Forest All-Girls NAB AFL Auskick Centre

All girls aged 5-12 are welcome, bring a friend and have fun learning AFL in a safe and supportive environment.

**Where:** Lionel Watts Reserve, Franche Forest

**When:** Wednesday's August 8 - 20, 4pm-5pm

**Cost:** \$51 for four weeks including a pink football, shopkins toy, exclusive NAB AFL headphones, pump, footy cards and Swans hat!



To register search 'Forest (Girls) Auskick Centre' at [afiauskick.com.au](http://afiauskick.com.au)



For more information contact Jacinta Tabell  
[jacinta.tabell@afl.com.au](mailto:jacinta.tabell@afl.com.au) or 0404 206 063



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# Year 2 Guitar Club

Starting in Term 3!!

A group of young & budding musicians wanting to learn the guitar and play with friends. Run by Mitch McDonough, guitar teacher at ST Martins, the group will be a fun environment focused on learning chords, simple songs and reading music. This club will be a great bridge into Band or private lessons in Year 3. The group will run from weeks 2-9.

**TIME: Monday Lunchtime**

**BRING: Guitar, pick & folder**

**Cost: \$15 per week**

For more information or to  
book your spot contact  
Mitch on 0450 554 149 or  
at  
Mitchmcdonough1@gmail.  
com

As this is a group lesson no makeups will be given to students that miss sessions.



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## MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Providing excellence in teaching and learning since 1890.

**OPEN MORNING**

WEDNESDAY 8th AUG  
9am - 11am

- Recognising our students needs are diverse, we constantly aim to develop courses and apply teaching strategies that accommodate different learning styles.
- Offering a comprehensive range of electives in addition to mandatory studies from Year 7, leading to the award of the Higher School Certificate credential in Year 12.
- Achieved outstanding results in the Higher School Certificate. Ranked in the top 16% of the State.
- Interested in the development of the whole person, we offer numerous opportunities for students to participate in co-curricular activities. Over 30 programs including a variety of Sport, Creative Arts and special interest clubs.
- Based on a framework of positive psychology, the College's well developed Pastoral Care structure allows support for student wellbeing. With specialised staff including the Director of Student, Wellbeing and the Youth Minister who work with students on a variety of projects including faith development, social justice and wellbeing.
- The College enjoys modern facilities and state of the art technology in classrooms.
- Located in the heart of Chatswood the College is a short walk to Chatswood Interchange where there are connecting buses and trains.
- Fees starting from \$5490.10 p.a (2017) plus \$940 building levy and student elective costs for Years 9 – 12.

MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE, CHATSWOOD **Catholic Girls Secondary College, Years 7 – 12**  
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# KIDS YOGA

@ ST MARTINS TERM3 THURSDAYS

8.10-8.40 (DROP  
OFF 8) 10 WEEKS

\$105 \*FREE TRIAL\* BOOK  
HELLO@HEIDIHORNE.COM.AU

**0421326046**



**\*FUN YOGA POSES\*SPORT STRETCH\*GAMES  
\*MEDITATIONS\*BREATHING FOR  
CALMNESS\*POSTURE\*INCREASE CONCENTRATION\*LOWERS ANXIETY**

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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 QQR  
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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