Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2, another ten weeks of learning and time of embracing life’s challenges.

Teachers have spent time planning curriculum to assist each child in their development of foundational knowledge, skills and dispositions that will enable them to be self-directed learners. Teachers ensure social skills are covered to support each child’s development in order to become active and engaged citizens. This text is supported in the F-10 Curriculum and Planning and Reporting Guidelines written by Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, Feb 2014. p.8.

Parents are reminded to make use of teacher’s on-line spaces to get a glimpse into the learning in their child’s classroom.

Parent Maths sessions have been organised for Tuesday 10th June (P-2) and Tuesday 24th June (Yr 3-6) so that parents can hear about ways to support their child with mental computation strategies.

These sessions have been organised to support the activities on show at the whole school Maths-Mental Computation Open Morning on Friday 6th June between 8:30am and 9:30am.

These sessions are provided to develop strong home school partnerships to support the children with their learning.

Project Compassion
It was great to see the many choices made by the students to give their canteen money or pocket money to contribute to the needy in our world. James and Isaac from Year 2 each had their own Project Compassion box at home. Any family with a Project Compassion donation is asked to leave it at the Parish office or the school office so that the money can be combined under the one donation from
the Parish. Last year St Martin’s Parish donated over $6000 to Caritas through the Project Compassion campaign.

**End of Term Clean Up**
Many thanks to the parents who spent time during the last days of Term to clean inside and outside their child’s classrooms.

**Easter Egg Raffle**
There was great excitement before school on Top Yard on the last day of Term, when a mini assembly was held to draw the winning tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle. One lucky winner per class was called out by their class. Thanks to Gianna, Joe, Alessio and Luca for organising the raffle.

**Family Wonder of Living Parent and Child night for Year 5 and 6**
This night has been organised for Tuesday 20\textsuperscript{th} May at 7pm in the GECCO (school hall). It is an opportunity for senior school students to discuss puberty and sex education.

“**Wonder of Living Family Enrichment Program, value-based sexuality and family life presentations, approved by Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese and Catholic Education Office Melbourne.”**

Costs will be covered by the school.

**Maintenance and Capital Works Projects**
During the term holidays a local company “Trees R Us” came to lop branches to ensure all tree limbs are safe on the school grounds. Staff are fully trained and comply with Australian standards for trees on school grounds.

If you are needing tree works you might consider Roger and his team 0412999393. Their service was first class. It was entertaining
standing back and watching their skill and craftsmanship. Roger kindly donated mulch to the school.

The other item addressed was the replacement of the switchboard in the Junior school. This project took more than 2 days and was needed for the operation of the newly installed air-conditioners. The electrician also replaced broken internal and external lights.

Extra fencing and wine barrels with plants are being installed on bottom yard.

St Martin’s school is continually implementing ideas to enhance the inside and outside learning spaces for the children.

We can all be proud of our great school!

**ANZAC Day**

A day to remember and be thankful for what we have and those who have helped to shape our wonderful country, in particular our soldiers who went to war to fight for Australia. May we take a minute to remember and pray for them.

*We Shall Remember Them.*

**Mark it in the Diary:**
Whole School Concert, Thursday 11th December. More information to follow.
Night for Mothers
Thanks to the team of mums who are organising the Special Night in Manhattan for Friday, 9th May. Please reply to their invitation. Mrs Cocks can tell us all about the city that never sleeps after her wonderful holiday to the Big Apple.

Looking forward to another wonderful Term. Enjoy the season of Autumn.

Regards

Trish Stewart
Principal