Dear Families

Welcome back to term 3. This is known in footy terms as the premiership quarter.

Recently I read about the overscheduled child missing out on time to be and time for creativity.

The best gift that we can give our children is time and the Maths games suggested at recent parent night are a great way to use that time. As the presenter said regular short sessions are the best option.

Staff news

At the end of term we said goodbye to Libby, support staff member. Libby has worked 2 days a week at St Martin’s to support the learning needs of many students in our school. Libby is moving to St Mary’s where she will be 4 days as support staff member.

During her time at St Martin’s Libby has been positive and creative in her approach to engage all students. On one occasion she had organised for her husband to bring in the family pet dog to assist with social-emotional learning. Each task Libby completed to support the child’s dignity and well-being.

Thank you Libby for touching the hearts and souls of students and staff at St Martin’s, you have strived to be effective and creative in your duties and you have always respected the sacred within each person.
Please pray for:
Noah (5O) Celeste (3JB) and Sebastian’s (1B) maternal grandfather died last week.
Marcus (3CM) Jemma (2B) and Will’s (2VL) paternal grandfather died during the holidays.

Congratulations:
Joshua (Prep D) spoke joyfully about the arrival of his baby sister Maddison during the holidays.

Head Lice
PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE take a few minutes each day to thoroughly check your child’s head/ hair for head lice. Daily checks and treatment are needed in order to address this problem.

Yr 4 sleepover:
Many thanks to the teachers (Neesha, Gareth, Steve, Dave, Terry, Margaret) who supported this activity so that yr 4 students could experience sleeping away from home comforts within the school setting. Thanks to the parents who assisted with supervision on the full day excursion to the MCG and to the parents who got up at the crack of dawn to cook breakfast for the children.

Holiday works undertaken during the holidays:
1. Safety signs have been installed on bottom yard. These signs are to ensure the traffic maintains 10kmh speed limit and that every caution is taken entering and exiting bottom yard. ALL cars must STOP when leaving the school grounds into Dobson Avenue.
2. Steps to bottom yard have been painted with safety yellow using road marking paint.
3. Electrical works around the school and
4. Computer upgrades

Mulch:
Once again the school has been given free mulch for garden beds. If you need any tree lopping, removals etc please Contact Roger 0412999393 Office 94585356
Email: roger@treesrus.com.au
He lives locally and is generous in his support of the school.

PEACE AND JUSTICE SEMINAR: below is an extract from an email
13/6/14
AMBERLEY

Fifteen Grade 5’s from both Sacred Heart Diamond Creek and St Martin of Tours Rosanna, together with twelve Year 7 boys from Parade, attended a Peace and Justice Seminar that was capably run by Anthony and Brendan from the Edmund Rice Amberley Retreat Team.

After some fun filled ice breaker activities that enabled the students to interact in a more comfortable and relaxed manner, further challenging activities, role plays and poignant clips
followed that produced some very mature and reflective analogies from the students about world issues. These included inequality of resources, the appropriate and inappropriate use of resources, greed and poverty, domination of power, selfishness and distribution of wealth.

On a more local and personal level, the acceptance of others, the rights of the individual, as well as indigenous, asylum seeker and gender issues were unpacked and discussed in a most meaningful way.

What was truly encouraging about the day was the willingness of the students involved to engage in discussion about real issues in today’s world with an amazingly mature outlook and positive approach. They deserve to be congratulated for their reflective ideas and for being so cooperative and well behaved. True ambassadors of their respective schools!

Jim Seymour  
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Parade College

*May we make sure time is given for the children to explore, create and be their own person.*  
*Hopefully all families will act on the suggestions outlined in the mid-year formal report*

Regards  
Trish Stewart  
Principal