Dear Families,

What a fantastic and fun celebration we had in the GECCO on Friday. This TOP secret whole school activity was made possible because of the connections that our wonderful Teacher-Librarian, Miss Yeomans, has made through her LRC Blog and Twitter Account.

Watch out for details on the LRC Blog in August, when we have permission to go public.

In the meantime, make sure you model and support your child to read, read and read.

Parents are encouraged to make time for their child/children to read each day, refer to link below:


ICT Resources
Thanks to the generous donations from PFA and the Parish/School Fete last year, the school’s use of hand held electronic devices is being increased. Early next term there will be shared trolleys for hand held devices across all year levels:

iPads for Prep, Year 1, Year 2, LRC and Italian classes.

Notebooks in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5, Chrome books in Year 6.

Each classroom will have an Air iPad for class use. These Air iPads will be used to share learning from and with the students.

Thanks also to our super eLearning Leader (Ms Williams), ICT support teacher (Miss Valvo) and contracted Technician (Tim) for all their efforts to keep our school operating effectively with ICT.

Parent Session about Learning Languages
Thank you to the one third of the parent body who replied to the invitation to attend this forum.

The content of the following email response shows all parents the importance to support their children with academic endeavours.

I am just writing to let you know that I won’t be able to make it to the Dr Andrea Truckenbrodt presentation tomorrow. As a CLIL Japanese language teacher myself I wanted to let you know that I think the idea of bringing this discussion to the St. Martin’s language program is fantastic. I did my Masters in EAL with Andrea and am currently doing a CLIL course with
her at Melbourne Uni and Bastow. She is a great presenter. I’m sure the night will be productive and wish I could be there, but unfortunately I am snowed under writing reports.

Details of this presentation will be made available when Dr Andrea Truckenbrodt, Melbourne University, Leading Languages sends through the link. In a follow up email on the weekend from Andrea, we received this positive feedback.

“What an amazingly well-run, professional school”

Thank you to the parents (evening) and teachers (afternoon) who attended and participated in this valuable learning.

Student Reports
Student formal reports are being sent home on Thursday 25th June. Teachers have spent hours gathering data, moderating samples against standards, writing, proof reading and adjusting the reports. Each report reflects the child’s achievements. This is a valuable starting point for parents to celebrate each child’s growth. Hopefully all parents will find some quiet time to sit with their child/children and share the key messages in each comment section.

Parent/Student/Teacher interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, 8th September from 1:15pm.

Vinnies
Thank you to all the families for their generous donations to support the ‘Vinnies’ Winter Appeal. Last week the school received a formal letter, from the St Martin’s branch of St Vincent de Paul, acknowledging the “amazing job with the tent collection….. thank you and God bless you all.”

We extend our thanks to Stephanie, Karen’s (from Admin) daughter, for coordinating Br Doug to visit our school with the Vinnies Soup Van.

It was an opportunity for the children and teachers to see how our actions can support the hungry and cold in Melbourne.
SchoolMate
Parents are reminded about the VCAA app to find out about the curriculum in Victorian schools.

Want to find out more about what your child is learning at school in each subject at each year level?

Need practical tips about what you can do at home to help support your child’s education?

SchoolMate is an essential App for parents of school-aged children in Victoria, Australia.

Produced by Victoria’s Department of Education and Training, SchoolMate will provide parents with a roadmap to help aid their child’s learning at home and at school.

Have a great holiday with your precious children, enjoy the sleep ins and times for beanies and scarves outside and board/card games and other indoor activities.

Thank you for the many ways you “embrace life’s challenges” to make St Martin’s school the BEST place to learn and grow.

I will say a special prayer for all members of St Martin’s school and parish communities when I go to the Mass celebration at the Cathedral in Santiago.

Warm wishes

Trish Stewart
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