Dear Families

We are mid-way into Term 3. After a cold winter, spring is on the horizon with its freshness and signs of hope.

Many believe that we need cold and frosty weather to kill off the germs.

**Walktober**
October is being promoted as walk to school month; mark it on your calendar.

Banyule Council has partnered with VicHealth to work with local primary schools to promote this year’s Walk to School. Banyule Council is encouraging primary school kids across Banyule to walk to and from school every day during October.

Last year, eleven Banyule primary schools participated, with over 70% of children enrolled in each school participating at least once throughout the month.

**NAPLAN**
The national testing schedule will be administered online from 2017. This is to allow for tests to be adjusted to each student’s ability to give a more accurate report of their ability. It also allows for a shorter turnaround with results.

This year the Year 3 and Year 5 students completed NAPLAN in May and results are expected at the end of August.

**Parent Forum: Thursday 27th August at 7pm in the GECCO**
This is an opportunity for all parents to hear and be involved in discussion and feedback about the school’s actions and future plans for ICT across the school.
Insight SRC surveys:
Many thanks to the 35 parents who answered our request to complete the annual survey. Results from the survey are scrutinised when determining future goals for school improvements.

Prayers
Our condolences are offered to the communities of current (and former) staff member, Tony Chirico from Loyola College and Marcellin College, who died suddenly on Friday night.

Please keep Colleen Scully, former staff member of St Martin’s, in your prayers as she is gravely ill.

It’s a Girl
Congratulations to our Deputy, Marg Cocks on the safe arrival of her beautiful grand daughter, Maddison Loraine. Born yesterday, Tuesday 11th August.

School Crossing
Reminder to parents to inform grandparents and carers of the need to cross at the school crossing when collecting or dropping off school children. This morning a grandfather was nearly hit because he walked between cars.

School Leadership
After a wonderful 15 years as Principal of St Martin’s school, I write to let you know that I will be finishing at the end of the 2015 school year.

St Martin’s school is held in high regard and will attract high calibre applicants.
Father Michael is in contact with the Catholic Education Office Melbourne (CEOM) organising the appointment of the next school Principal of St Martin’s to commence in 2016.

In the meantime, I will be cherishing each day and storing lots of lasting memories of the BEST students, GREATEST teachers and WONDERFUL parents.

Trish Stewart
Privileged Principal