



ST MARTIN'S
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St Martin's School Newsletter

Easter Term

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As we near the end of the Easter term and look ahead to a well-deserved break after a busy and productive first term, Easter stands before us. During this season, it's natural for us as parents to focus on creating lasting memories with our children. However, as we prepare to celebrate one of the most sacred and meaningful days of the year, my prayer is that we take time to reflect on the true essence of Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This season invites us to pause and contemplate the profound significance of that sorrowful yet necessary moment in history. It calls us to remember the great sacrifice made for our sins. But the story doesn't end at the cross. Without the resurrection, there would be no foundation for our faith, no hope for salvation, and no future for humanity. The resurrection of Jesus offers us the hope that sustains us and calls us to share our own resurrection stories.

As a school, we, too, have a resurrection story to tell. We've emerged from one of the most challenging seasons in the history of St Martin's, and we stand today as a testament to resilience, renewal, and hope. Just as the risen Christ reminded His disciples, "Do not be afraid," we are called to carry this same message of hope and encouragement to those who are weighed down by despair, offering the light of Christ to guide them through the darkest moments.

Easter is a time to remember that Christ died for all of us, regardless of how we see ourselves. It serves as a powerful reminder of God's immeasurable love for us. In this season, let us offer our heartfelt thanks for His incredible sacrifice, sending His only Son as the sacrificial Lamb for our sake. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we witness the fullness of God's love: self-giving, nurturing, steadfast, and expansive. His love is perfectly embodied in Jesus.



Easter Message 2025
Revd Thabo Rafuku

Wishing you and your families a blessed and joyful Easter.

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Mothering Sunday Celebration

On 28 March, we celebrated Mothering Sunday with love and gratitude. A heartfelt thank you to all the mothers and guardians who joined us – your support means the world. Our students, with help from their teachers, gifted chocolates to their mothers and teachers as a token of appreciation for all you do.



Exciting News: New Laptops for High School Students!



We are thrilled to announce the launch of brand new laptops for our high school students! This exciting tech upgrade will provide our students with the tools they need to thrive in both their studies and creative endeavors.

Public Speaking Event: A Resounding Success!



On 20 March, our Form 3 students showcased their impressive speaking talents at the Public Speaking event, demonstrating remarkable confidence and creativity. We are proud to announce that the St Martin's team earned an A+ for their performance, with two A+ awards and three A's overall! A special thank you to Ruth Engela for her outstanding coaching, which played a key role in their success. Congratulations to all participants for their hard work and dedication!

Grade 5 Bridge Building Challenge

On 31 March, our Grade 5 students embraced an exciting challenge – building a bridge that could open and close! Working with a set of guidelines, they explored the history of bridges, blending past designs with modern innovation. Their creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork were truly impressive, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts. Well done, Grade 5s, for your hard work and ingenuity in making this project a success!



High School Major Production

On 26 and 27 March, we proudly showcased our High School Major Production, The Hot Mess Express. Thank you to everyone who attended, and congratulations to Mr Reist, Ms Engela and Mrs Easton for producing such an amazing show, along with our talented students.



Thank You for Your Easter Egg Donations!



A big thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs! Our Mini Councillors delivered them to the collection point at Holy Rosary Hall, where 200 charities picked up their share.

Grade 4s Design Goat Shelters!



Our Grade 4 students recently took on the challenge of designing and building a shelter for a farmer's goats. The shelter needed to ensure the goats were safe at night and had shade during the day. The students worked creatively to meet these requirements, combining their knowledge of structures with problem-solving skills. Well done, Grade 4s!

isiZulu Oral Competition: A Remarkable Achievement



On 28 March, we participated in the isiZulu Oral Competition at Saint Stithian's, alongside 15 other schools. This was our first time joining the event, and we are grateful to Mr Venter for allowing us to take part, despite the last-minute request. A special thank you to Khumo, Awela, Qhawe, and Mvuselelo for their dedication and for representing St Martin's proudly. We're thrilled to congratulate Khumo Mokoka for securing 3rd place – a fantastic achievement! Well done to all who were involved!