

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents

As mentioned in last week's newsletter you will now be receiving an SMS Notification if your child is absent from school without you completing the **ONLINE ABSENTEE FORM**. As also mentioned last week, *"as this is a new system to both you and us there may be some teething problems to begin with so please bear with us"*, and yes there has been but we are hopefully sorting them out. Again thank you for your co-operation and understanding

ST MARY'S COMMEMORATIVE POSTMARK

On Monday 16th July (first day of term 3) (for one day only) Australia Post will have a new 90th anniversary of St Mary's School postmark available at the Altona Post Office. On that day I encourage you to post your mail over the counter and ask that it be cancelled with our St Mary's School commemorative post mark. This new post mark has also been advertised internationally by Australia Post in the current issue of their Stamp Bulletin.

FEAST DAY REPORT

The story about our 90th anniversary and 2018 Feast Day celebrations at St Mary's is now live on the Catholic Education website. Click here to read more <https://www.cem.edu.au/News-Events/June-2018/A-milestone-in-Altona.aspx>

ASTHMA PLANS

Copies of the most up to date Asthma Plans have been placed on the School Website: NEWS: Notes & Forms. If your child plan has expired and needs to be updated, we ask that you print the appropriate plan and have your doctor complete it. Updated plans should then be sent to the school office.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

It's disco time... our social event for the year **"Famous" Disco** will be held on **Saturday 27 October** at Kooringal Golf Club.

This one is for the adults, lock in the date, grab a group of friends and start thinking about outfits. Come dressed as your favourite movie or sport star, cartoon character or music legend!

To help us make this night a roaring success we'd love local businesses to sponsor any of the following (part sponsorship is great too, every little bit helps...):

DJ - \$450

Candy Buffet - \$150

Coin Toss: 3 bottles of top shelf spirits i.e. Chivas Regal, Moet etc.

A huge thank you to St Mary's parents Kristin and Ronnie Azzopardi from Budget Tyres Sunshine and Holeshoot Motorcycle Accessories for very generously sponsoring our photobooth. Look them up next time you need a new set of tyres or accessory for your motorbike! More details after the holidays...

Enjoy the two week break. Term 3 commences Monday 16th July.

David Kelly
Principal



EMMANUEL NEWS:

Parents who attended the recent session on the Resilience Project, led by Martin Heppell, found his presentation stimulating and inspiring. Martin emphasised the importance of gratitude, kindness and mindfulness for young people's successful management of the challenges they experience. Well done to students and staff involved in the Vinnies Winter Sleep Out and Live Below the Line. Their commitment to making the world a better place for those in need is inspiring.



CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Last Thursday, was the Western Region Cross Country finals for primary schools in the west. Well done to Oscar Devetak in grade 4 who competed at this event and just missed out on making it through to the state finals. Congratulations Oscar on representing St Mary's and making it through this far, great achievement.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 16th July 2018

Monday:

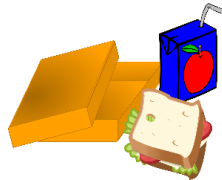
Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Rosemary Ciavarella



Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

CAMP AUSTRALIA NEWS:



CCS is coming!

Upcoming Changes to Your Government Subsidy today to receive the appropriate subsidy!

Did you know that from **Monday the 2nd of July** the current fee assistance from the Government, CCR and CCB, will be replaced with a single **Child Care Subsidy (CCS)**. Great news is this new subsidy will be available to all families using Camp Australia services!

CCS will affect the amount of fee assistance that each family will receive. A few things that will determine a family's level of Child Care Subsidy are:

- Annual income will determine the percentage of subsidy a family is eligible for,
- An activity test will determine how many hours of subsidised care families can access, and
- The type of child care service will determine the hourly rate cap

To make sure you are ready for launch of CCS, you must enrol on the MyGov website:

<https://my.gov.au/> and confirm your personal details. This will help determine how much assistance you will received.

Due to CCS being brand new, **your details will not automatically rollover** from previous years, to prevent any complications please resubmit your enrolment otherwise you may not receive any subsidy until you do so.

You can find more information about how to prepare for the subsidy by visiting

<https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>.

Thanks so much for your time and we look forward to seeing you in our next service,

Camp Australia

We Make Kids Smile

Phone: 1300 105 343

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2018 Sacrament Dates

TERM TWO:

Sacrament of Penance:

A FINAL REMINDER that appointments for Individual Reconciliation with Archpriest Michael Kalka need to be made with the parish secretary **NOW** on 93982964.

Thank you to everyone who have made a date for Reconciliation and congratulations to some students who received their sacrament this week.

TERM THREE:

- * **Family Workshop** evening – **Wednesday 1st August** – School Hall or Narthex – **7pm**
- * **Shared Meal & Practice Session** – **Tuesday 14th August** – School Hall – **6pm**
- * **SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST** – **SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST** – **3PM**



*"Do your best and God
will bless your effort."* 1899



By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion.

In June, it is the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sacred Heart represents Christ's love for all mankind, and our devotion to it is an expression of our faith in His mercy. The love of God for humanity is big enough for all of our suffering, happiness, labours and failures. Human love may be finite, but God's love is endless.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * Our Year 3 students as they receive the Sacrament of Penance in June and July.
- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- * A safe and peaceful holiday for all school families and staff.

SCHOOL PRAYER

This term our Senior students have worked on creating a school prayer. This week JSC representatives from our Junior and Middle schools met with Senior Wellbeing and Social Justice Leaders at a workshop to organise and produce a School Prayer. Stay tuned for its formal introduction at our first Assembly in term three.

Grandparent's & Special Person's Day

Early reminder that on Friday 27th July we will celebrate Grandparent's and Special Person's Day. The day begins with Mass at 9.15am, classroom visits after Mass and morning tea in the school hall at 11am.
More details to follow.



Open Mornings 2018

We invite you to join a student-led tour, meet the Principal and see dynamic learning in action in the classrooms.

Visiting time:
9:15am - 10:30am

Dates: 15 March, 19 April, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November

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- Newport Scout Hall
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EARLY BIRD TIX: PRE-PURCHASE ONLINE & SAVE!†

* Child: 5–15 years. Under 5 years free.

† Early bird tickets available for purchase online up until 5pm on Thursday 28th June 2018.

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