

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to Helen Mc Avoy for her co-ordination of another very successful Father's Day Stall. There were lots of excited children around our school today very happy with their purchases and looking forward to Sunday. Thank you to the many parents that assisted Helen prior to the day and/or helped on the day.

FATHER'S DAY MASS:

This Sunday at 10.30 am we will join with the Parish in our annual Father's Day Mass. Thank you to Olive Chodowski (our Religious Education Leader) for her preparation and organisation of this Mass and to Cathy Sims and Valda Pedley for their organisation of the music and our school choir. All school families are invited to join us at this special celebration.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:

On Monday our staff participated in a whole day workshop in the area of Mathematics. The focus for the day was on Effective Strategies for the Teaching and Learning of Mathematics. Our facilitator for the day was Michael Ymer who spoke to us about how we can make mathematics exciting for both students and teachers. We worked through the process of helping students develop independence through investigations and how we can plan so that all students can access learning at whatever developmental stage they are at. We worked hard playing lots of games that we are able to take straight back to our classrooms and do with our students.

OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

On Monday 17th September we are holding a Parent / Teacher Contact Afternoon from 3.15 pm. to 5.00 pm. It is an opportunity for parents to meet with classroom teachers to discuss issues related to their child and their learning. ***Please note: Interviews for Prep S will be held in Term 4. All parents DO NOT have to attend this meeting, only those who have a concern. Teachers wishing to see parents regarding their child's learning will contact parents to arrange a time on this afternoon. **Parents will need to make a booking online for all appointments.** Go to our school website for a direct link. Click on Interviews or go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the simple instructions. The SCHOOL EVENT CODE is: **gpzp5** Bookings are open now and will close on Friday 14th September.

NAPLAN:

NAPLAN results were sent home today for students in Year Three & Five. If you have any questions about these results please contact your child's classroom teacher.

2019 INTENTIONS:

As we will soon begin discussing our class structure for 2019 we would appreciate it if you could let us know if your child is currently in Prep - Year Five and is not returning to St. Mary's next year.

HEAD LICE:

There have been some recent cases of Head Lice particularly in the junior classes. Please regularly check your child's hair and take appropriate action if required. Thank you.

Congratulations to all involved in our Footy Tipping Competition this year. As has been our tradition, half of the money raised is given back in prizemoney and half is given to the school as fundraising.
This year the final pool was \$ 910.00. \$ 455 is given to the school and \$ 455 distributed in prizes:
First - \$ 200. Second - \$ 100 and Third - \$ 50.
First Place on 143 was Isabelle Nelson. Congratulations.
Equal Second Place on 142 Paul Mithen & David Kelly.

Uniform measuring and ordering is being held on Thursday 13th September. Please contact the school office to book in an appointment time. Please pass this information on to any other parents you know with children commencing school in 2019.

From today I'm away on Long Service Leave returning on Monday 15th October. Margaret Masseni will be Acting Principal during this time.

Wear your footy colours, face painting before school (50 cents), competitions and giveaways! **Subway Lunch Order forms were sent home last week and are due back by 7th Sept.** (If you missed your copy [Click here](#) or go to the school website NEWS: Notes and Forms). Join in the fun!



It is time to get the hats out again in line with our SunSmart policy, which requires our **students to wear their hats from the beginning of September (Monday 3rd September) to the end of April**. Check out the SunSmart link on our website for the latest weather and sun protection information.

around and give out some smiles 😊😊😊😊

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Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu
When someone smiled at me to
I started smiling too
I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin
When he smiled I realised
I had passed it on to him
I thought about the smile
And then realised its worth
A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth
So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected
Start an epidemic
And get the world infected.

To celebrate the beginning of SPRING we are once again running our SPRING INTO HAPPINESS AND KINDNESS day. **YELLOW** is the colour we've chosen for the day and we would like everyone to wear a 'SPLASH' with their uniform.

“FIND HAPPINESS IN MAKING OTHERS HAPPY!”
St. Mary MacKillop - 1899

Congratulations to Yellow team who were the Most Active team at our last Walk/Ride to School day.
Our next Walk / Ride to School day will be on 13th September.
Come along in an active way.
Let's hope the sun is shining!

To Noah and Stella L who also represented St. Mary's in the Victorian Interschool snow sports competition. Both placed in the top 70 of 300 competitors from around Victoria. Well done!



District Athletics Results

A huge congratulations to all the students in Years 3 to 6 who represented St Mary's at the Spotswood and Altona District Athletics carnival on Wednesday. It was a fantastic day weather wise and great achievement by all who competed at this level. The students displayed great sportsmanship, support for each other and teamwork which made it a great day. With having such wonderful individual performances and great results from our relay teams, overall our school finished 1st on the points table from the Spotswood and Altona District. Well done to the 50 students who represented our school.

Thank you to the parents who came to watch and support the children. Thank you to Mark Chodowski, Anthony Molinia and David Howell who helped out with the running of the Hurdles and 100m events and Ms McConnell for getting the students to their events on time. We had a total of 27 students make it through to Divisionals which will be held on the 13th September at Werribee Athletics Track.

Congratulations to...

Anna A - Triple jump, Relay, 200m,
Sienna T- 1500m, Long Jump, Relay
Jacob Y- 800m
Lachlan G - 100m, Long jump, Relay
Shannon W - 800m, Triple jump, Relay
Oscar D - 1500m, 200m, Relay
Jordan F- 1500m, 800m,
Michael M - Discus,
Hugo F - Hurdles, Relay
Aidan L - Discus, Relay
Kiani H - Shot Put, 100m, Relay
Jacob B - Relay,
Betty T - Relay

Jett P - Relay, Long Jump, Triple Jump
Lucas G - Relay
James H - Relay, 200m, Hurdles
Daniel A - 800m
Caitlyn G - Discuss, Relay
Bryanna W - High Jump, Relay
Jasmine D - Shot Put
Josh M - Shot Put
Xavier R - Triple Jump
Hannah E - Triple Jump, Relay
Lucas M - Relay
Gaby M - Relay

PARENTS AND FRIENDS



FOTOFUNDRAISER

A fun-filled family portrait session with local photographer, and St Mary's mum, Samantha Georgiadis. Check out Sam's Instagram account @GeorgiaGrafika for an example of her no fuss, candid style. Photoshoot session including 2 high resolution digital images of your choice and a proof sheet of all images, should you wish to order more. Cost is \$35 per family. Spots are limited so book quickly. Digital images make great Christmas cards, gifts for grandparents or family. Use them as screen savers,

post on social media or email to friends and family far away. Get in quick – limited spots available. To book your session email: merilynfischer@optusnet.com.au



DAD's NIGHT

Our next Dad's night will be held on Friday 7th September at 7 pm at Hop Heads Craft Beer Bar (it's a pretty awesome bar with hundreds of different beers from all over the world) in Pier St, Altona (next door to the newsagency). Drinks will be at bar prices and if you get hungry you can get some food from anywhere on Pier Street and bring it into the bar.

Bar owner Adrian will give us a bit of an intro to the bar and we'll see if we can get some kind of special brew for the night as well as an activity or two with some prizes just to keep somewhat of a healthy competitive edge to the evening.

Contact Ben London if you are interested in attending - benjilondon@hotmail.com

TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 3rd September 2018

Monday:

Tuesday:

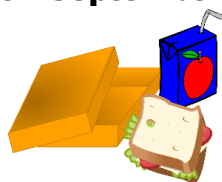
Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

Marylinda Abate
Anne Cooper



EDUCATION IN FAITH

Father's Day Invitation

A special invitation for all St. Mary's families to attend our Parish celebration of Father's Day this Sunday 2nd September at 10.30am. A wonderful way to start the day and say thank you to all our Dads/Granddads/Uncles etc and to remember and pray for all Fathers who may be sick or who have gone before us to rest in God's care. So, let's gather as a parish community and say thank you to the wonderful men in our lives.



*"God gives me strength for
what is necessary."
1907*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.



Social Justice Week

Just a reminder to all students, parents, families & friends that our Year 5/6's Social Justice fund raising stalls will occur next week starting on

- **Tuesday** 4th Sept,
- **Wednesday** 5th Sept &
- **Thursday** 6th Sept

- to raise funds for our *local* St Vincent de Paul Society.

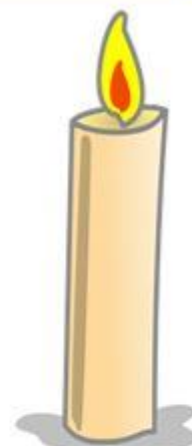
We have been busy preparing for next week and we would love to have the support of the whole school community. Please assist our industrious efforts by purchasing items from our stalls.

Ciara & Anthony

Your very enterprising Social Justice Leaders!

A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,
we praise you for the gift of our fathers and those who have been father-figures to us. We thank you for the life and love they have brought to our world. May they be strengthened in virtue and faith so that they might give glory to you through their lives of service. Amen.



ALTONA

Pirates 
BASKETBALL CLUB

Altona Pirates Basketball Club have limited spots for new basketball players in teams for the new summer season commencing after the September school holidays.

U8'S BOYS AND GIRLS BORN IN 2012 & 2013

U10 GIRLS BORN IN 2010 & 2011

U12 GIRLS BORN IN 2008 & 2009

U12 BOYS BORN IN 2008 & 2009

U14 GIRLS BORN IN 2006 & 2007

PLEASE CONTACT OUR CLUB REGISTRAR REBEKAH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

registrar@altonapirates.com.au

ALTONA CITY SOCCER CLUB
INVITE YOU TO OUR

beyondblue

Community Fundraiser & Family Fun Day
SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER FROM 12PM
&
BEYOND BLUE CUP

ALTONA CITY SOCCER CLUB vs K.T. SHONJHA

Altona City Soccer Club - Kim Reserve, Millers Road, Altona



16 Esplanade Williamstown

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6th September

7.30 pm to 8.00 pm.

The Joy of the Gospel - Therese Quinn, rsj.

Praying with scripture contemplatively
as living word for today.

Donations welcome

6th September

10 am till Midday

Let's Be Crafty—Jane Larkin

A mixture of teaching new skills and BYO craft

Cost: \$10

19th September

7.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Reading Circle— Carmel Cramer, rsj.

Text: Field of Compassion; How the New
Cosmology is Transforming Spiritual Life.

Cost: Donation \$5

20th September

1.30 to 3 pm and repeated
at 7.30 to 9 pm.

Listening to the Heartbeat of the Rural People—Lynette Young, rsj.

Reflecting on rural peoples; image of God as the
Unfenced Rural Whisperer in Gumboots.

By Donation - Subsidised \$10; Cost \$10; Gift: \$30

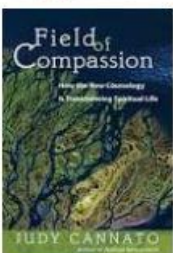
29th September

11 am to 1 pm

Earth Rituals— Margie Abbott, rsm; Carmel Cramer, rsj

Pope Francis in Laudato Si' encourages us to create
Earth Rituals and prayers that celebrate the
interconnectedness of all that is
Gold coin donation. Bring lunch to share!

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL
EVANGELII GAUDIUM



RSVP 2 days prior to any session would be appreciated

St Joseph's By The Sea

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BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR

INSIDE OUT

Fresh school holiday activities.
Cooking with Jamie Oliver's Learn Your Fruit and Veg,
make a kite, plant a greenhouse, decorate yoga mats,
and build a Lego masterpiece. BOOK NOW.

SPRING INTO
HOLIDAYS

Healthy kids are happy kids.
Spring into wellness inside & out
these holidays!



Something for every child.
To find a program near you and to book, visit
campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Welcome BACK TO MSJ

class of 1968 class of 1988 class of 2008
class of 1978 class of 1998

College Reunion

When Saturday 27 October 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Where Tenison Woods Learning Centre
133 Maidstone Street Altona

Drinks and Light Refreshments will be provided
Tickets available through www.tickethost.com.au
Entry is Free of Charge

• Educating Today, Shaping Tomorrow

This poster was created by a current MSJ student, Tegan Le Brooy Year 11