

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents,

We would like to ask for your co-operation in an important matter.

One of the children at our school is receiving medical treatment which puts them at risk if they develop chicken pox or measles. The risk for this child can be reduced by receiving a special injection as soon as possible after coming in contact with these illnesses.

It is very important therefore that you should let the school office know immediately if your child develops chicken pox or measles, so that the child at risk receives the protective injection at the earliest opportunity. This protection lasts for a few weeks only, and must be repeated every time they come into contact with these illnesses.

Your child is at no risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of one of his/her school mates does depend on your help and co-operation.

YEAR 4 CAMP:

Our Year 4 students are getting very excited looking forward to their Camp next week. Hopefully the weather is kind to them. Check our Facebook page for photo updates.

YEAR 5 BIG DAY OUT:

Our Year 5's are on what can only be described as their Big Day Out today. They have been to the Sun theatre to see The Nutcracker and the Four Realms, have had a guided tour of Etihad Stadium, played Laser Tag, visited the Eureka Tower and by the time you receive this will be walking to McDonalds for dinner and then heading to MSAC for a swimming session. Thanks to the Year 5/6 staff and pre-service teachers who have organised today's extravaganza and supervised the students throughout the day. Check our Facebook page for photo updates.

STEM IN ACTION:

This week Zed, Jesse, Shannon & Kiani joined Mrs Tucker, Mrs Harvey & Ms Kirkwood at Scienceworks to participate in a Design Sprint. They heard from expert engineers on the importance of design for an inclusive society & had the chance to design a product using technology that would benefit our school community. The group decided to design a water bottle that ran on a timer and lit up when students needed to have a drink. They also designed an app that contains visual reminders for children about their day.

A big thank you to Scienceworks for an informative and adventurous day.

ARTS SPECTACULAR:

Wednesday 12th December. Hopefully you have this date marked on your calendar. For new families more information will follow next week. Definitely a highlight of the year.

SCHOOL FEES:

Thank you to the majority of families that have settled their School Fees account or are in the process of doing so by a Direct Debit Scheme. All outstanding amounts need to be settled by next Friday 30th November unless you have met with myself or Archpriest Michael Kalka to arrange an individual Payment Plan.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS: Is on Tuesday 18th December at 6.00 pm.

FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: Is Wednesday 19th December @ 3.20pm.

David Kelly
Principal



HELP NEEDED BY PARENTS AND PAST STUDENTS

On **Friday 14th December** from 9.00 – 11.00am we are taking on the mighty task of **cleaning 300 classroom chairs and 150 tables....**and YES we need help. All cleaning products and materials will be provided.

This annual event is open to all past students who usually have a great time catching up with each other and do a little...sorry lots of cleaning too. We would also welcome parents to come and help with cleaning the tables. If you can assist please contact the School Office or myself via email. Thank you for your help. Marg Masseni - mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au



NORMIE THE GNOME

Normie the Gnome is awarded to the House Team who keeps their part of the yard the cleanest. This week's winner is: **RED TEAM**



Thanks to everyone who came to school in an active way on Monday this week. Congratulations to **RED team** - our Most Active Team. Thanks to the many parents who supervised our Walking School Buses. We appreciate your help. Our next Walk to School Day is on 11th December.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2019 Sacrament Dates

CONFIRMATION

TERM ONE:

Rite of Commitment Masses: (Four masses to select from)

Saturday 2nd March: **9.15am & 6pm**

Sunday 3rd March: **8.30am & 10.30am**

Confirmation Family Workshop: (Two sessions to select from)

Tuesday 5th March **5pm & 7pm** – with Michele Linossier.

TERM TWO: (Week One)

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

- **Friday, 26th April, 2019 at 7pm – Bishop Mark Edwards**
(The Sponsor must be a baptised Catholic over the age of 16)

All families and friends are invited to celebrate the Advent Liturgies with their children in the coming weeks:

Week 1: Year 5/6C – Monday 26th November at 2:30pm

Week 2: Year 5/6L & 3/4M – Friday 7th December at 2.30pm

Week 3: 5/6H & 5/6C – Friday 14th December at 1pm

Week 4: 3/4V & 3/4HK – Monday 17th December at 12.50pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



"Have a pure heart and be faithful." (1871)

Weekly Class Mass:

On Friday 30th November, Prep S & Prep D will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. All family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.



PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARISH NATIVITY PLAY



As part of the Christmas Vigil Mass this year, children will re-enact the Gospel Story. Some of the children will also be asked to participate in the readings and offertory procession. The Vigil Mass will commence at 6.30pm on Monday 24th December.

Rehearsals will take place on Sun 2nd, 9th & 16th Dec from 11.30am to 12.30pm in the Church.

Parts for the play will be chosen next **Sunday 25th November**. Permission forms are available from the School Office.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 26th November 2018

Monday:

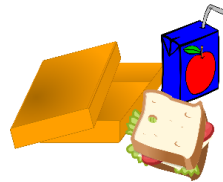
Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

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EMMANUEL NEWS:



A very big thank you and congratulations to Emmanuel College students on their support for a variety of organisations over the course of the year, supporting the vulnerable and needy in our community. More than \$15000 has been donated by students and staff to support organisations such as Caritas, St Vincent de Paul, Joseph's Corner, our Marianist sponsor students and many others. Students have also raised awareness of a range of social justice concerns in our world. Emmanuel College will finish the year with one final social justice appeal for Christmas; students are donating food to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and toys to Joseph's Corner in a bid to share the joy of Christmas with all families.



PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 19th November 2018

PREP D	Chloe M for her effort and enthusiasm in maths tasks
PREP S	Myla B for her improved sentence writing
YEAR 1/2G	Leyla F for her hard work and detail in her persuasive writing
YEAR 1/2S	Mason S for his effort in adding detail to his writing
YEAR 1/2D	Louis N for his enthusiasm and engagement during reading activities
YEAR 3/4M	Adrian B for his flawless First Fleet oral presentation on John Hunter
YEAR 3/4HK	Skyler M for showing confidence and bravery when sharing her oral presentation with the class
YEAR 3/4V	Sam P for working consistently and contributing to class discussions
YEAR 5/6C	Erin C for her excellent attitude to all her learning
YEAR 5/6L	Isabella M for her polite and responsible attitude in the classroom
YEAR 5/6H	Gabby K for her responsible and organised approach towards classroom learning



CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT:

Thursday 6th December 6 - 8pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun!

- Santa's little helper workshop
- Gift wrapping station
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided

For more information ask one of our team in store or visit: www.bunnings.com.au

Community Christmas Celebration

Join us in celebrating the end of a fabulous year and the arrival of the festive season!

Community Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 12 December
12pm-2pm

@Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre

RSVP: admin@ljac.com.au



Learning Curve & Little Gems Hobsons Bay Arts Society

hobsons bay arts society presents

hbas classes & groups of 2018 exhibition

joel gallery
5 sargood street altona
10 - 4 mon-fri
11 - 3 weekends

hobsonsbayartsociety.org.au

8 - 21 december
event launch:
7pm friday 7 dec
all welcome

small art & craft works
exhibition & sale

