



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No.29 15th September 2017

FOOTY FUN DAY

It was fantastic to see, hear and feel all the excitement around the school this morning, even in spite of the rain, as everyone was arriving in their footy jumpers and colours. The face painters relocated to the hall and were worked overtime as so many children wanted their team colours on their face. Somehow teachers survived in their classrooms until 11.00 am. After recess all the children gathered in the hall in their footy teams. As usual the Bulldogs were clearly the best represented but most of the teams had at least one representative.

Each of the teams took it in turns to sing their team song and answer questions as well as finding out who won prizes from the many competitions that the children had entered.

We were joined in the hall by Alyssa Mifsud, past student and player from the Melbourne Womens AFL team and the familiar face of Mrs Mithen – she just couldn't stay away!!! These people with the help of Ms Densmore, our Prep teacher & Joel, one of our Year 5 students voted on each team's supporters singing of their team song. All of the teams did a fantastic job.

Congratulations to the BULLDOGS for winning the team song competition. Congratulations to CARLTON who came second & MELBOURNE who came third.

We had a special visit from the Williamstown FC Mascot, Speccie. Williamstown will play in a preliminary final this weekend and our students were videoed wishing them good luck. You can see this video on the Williamstown FC website over the weekend.

Check out our School Website and Facebook Page to see some of the great photos.

Thanks to everyone who helped out in making it such a successful event once again. All money raised from Footy Fun Day will go toward our Sponsor Child Win Naing. A Great Day Had By All!

2017 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Thanks to the many parents who came along to our Parent Information session on Wednesday night. Therese Sheedy spoke about Restorative Practices at St. Mary's, which is very much about repairing relationships when things go awry. Therese will share her presentation from the evening and this will be made available to the school community. If you would like to find out more, please contact Marg Masseni - mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

A reminder that these will take place on Monday 18th September from 3.15 pm. to 5.00 pm for all classes except for Year 1/2HT whose interviews will take place on Thursday 21st September. Bookings will close at 6pm tonight. The SCHOOL EVENT CODE is: 4e374

DIVISIONAL ATHLETICS:

Congratulations to all our children who represented our school and our District at the Divisional Athletic Carnival this week. Special congratulations to the following children who finished either first or second in their event and therefore will progress to the Regionals. Oscar Devetak (1500m), Lachland Green (Long Jump), Shannon Williams (1500m), Madeline Mickovski (200m & 100m), Sienna Tanti (Long Jump) and Hannah Ealem, Anna Adani, Madeline Mickovski & Sienna Tanti 4x100m relay).

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Ciara O'Connor on coming 20th in her division for the National Snow Boarding completion at Mt Buller last Thursday 7th September 2017.

EARN & LEARN: Thank you to all those families that have assisted us with the collection of the Earn & Learn stickers from Woolworths. We have collected 60+ complete sheets of stickers (60 stickers per sheet). So we are looking forward to all the educational resources we are going to be able to access thanks to your involvement and participation. This program ends on Tuesday 19th September. So please return any stickers or sticker sheets to school ASAP after Tuesday.



WALKATHON POSTER COMPETITION:

Well done to all the children who entered our Walkathon Poster Competition. The judges have had a very difficult job selecting only 3 winners from the many quality entries we had received. One from Prep & Year 1/2, one from Year 3/4 and one from Year 5/6. These 3 lucky winners each receive a \$100 voucher from Athletes Foot and will be presented to them at the Assembly on Monday. The winners are: Prep & Year 1/2 – Gisella DeLuca Year 3/4 – Lexie Rietveld & Year 5/6 - Chloe Zuvela.

The Parents and Friends have been busy sourcing some incredible prizes for the Walkathon. From Big4 Holiday vouchers (Park Lane Holiday Park), skateboards (AMart Sports), sports balls & games (Rebel Sport), sleeping bag and tent (RAYS), golf lessons for one term (Koorinal Golf Club), Wyncity, Enchanted Garden, Sovereign Hill, Puffing billy vouchers, two tickets to Adventure Park Geelong, \$50-\$100 vouchers to spend at 99Bikes and many more to add...

SCHOOL FEES:

School Fees for 2017 are due and payable in full by next Friday 22nd September.

Fee Statements were sent home last week. Credits up to the 31st August have been entered on the Statement. If you have any queries on your statement please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Valda Pedley in person, on 9398 4842 or via email: bursar@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

If you have contracted to a Direct Debit Plan, your plan will continue until your fees are fully paid, you need take no further action this year.

Thank you to all those families who have been able to finalise their fees. If you are having difficulty with your fees, please contact the school office to make an appointment with myself so that we can work out a mutually acceptable plan.

DAD's NIGHT

Our next Dad's Night is on tonight from 7.30 pm. in the school hall. Enter through the McBain Street gates. Just bring some \$5 bills for the bar. Table tennis, pool and possibly big screen footy. Darts will be singles. All are welcome. Ben London & Jarrod Pye on behalf of the Parents & Friends.

END OF TERM:

Please note Term Three concludes next Friday 22nd September. Children will be DISMISSED at the EARLY TIME of 2.30 pm.

David Kelly
Principal

KIDS DISCO – 21st SEPTEMBER



Time is running out to get your kids disco tickets!

Use the code <https://trybooking.com/RBLB>

Tickets are \$6 and ticket sales will close at midnight Monday 18th September.

Don't forget to put your favourite songs in the song suggestion box near the office!

There is some amazing new glow wear to purchase on the night to complete the disco experience.

Every purchase helps raise money towards great improvements for our school. Priced from \$1 up to \$7.50, cash only sales.

If you are able to help out on the night, please contact ERIN MORGAN - erinmorgan1177@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE – ADULTS SOCIAL EVENING

Back by popular demand, our **"Famous" Disco** will be held on **Friday 17 November 2017** from 7:30pm at Koorinal Golf Club. Our theme for this year is **"Famous"**. Think movie characters, TV personalities, sporting heroes, cartoons, royals or politicians the ideas are endless... More details after the holidays.

To help us out with our fundraising efforts and to keep costs down, we are looking for businesses who could sponsor any of the following on the night, please contact Marelize at pmagius@bigpond.com

- **Photobooth - Full Sponsorship of \$600**, in return you will have your business logo printed on each instant photo on the night. Last year we printed and uploaded over 300 photos on the night directly to Facebook. We will also acknowledge your support in our school newsletter and facebook pages. Your company logo will also be displayed on a sponsor presentation board on the night.
- **Photobooth – Half Sponsorship of \$300**, you will share your logo space with another business.

DJ - \$450 – We will display your business logo on the DJ stand and acknowledge your support in our newsletter and facebook pages.



PRINCIPALS AWARDS 11th Sept, 2017

PREP D	Eva D for completing work efficiently and at a high standard. Ethan P for his great efforts in reading.
PREP S	Isobel M for writing a great book called 'My Life At School'. Luca B for telling us all about his holiday.
YEAR 1/ 2HT	Xavier H for having a go at writing more detailed sentences. Ava C for taking care with the presentation of her work.
YEAR 1/ 2S	Lucas Z for his great contributions to class discussions. Xavier B for working hard on his writing.
YEAR 1/ 2N	Fernando J for his amazing illustrations. Tiana M for always completing her work neatly.
YEAR 1/2G	Eilidh P for her continued improvement in her handwriting. William S for displaying persistence in completing his work.
YEAR 3/4M	Angus H for his dedication to improving his writing skills. Gigi F for continually striving to do her best in difficult maths tasks.
YEAR 3/4HK	Zali Mc for working hard on her spelling skills. Samantha K for her imaginative and compelling writing pieces.
YEAR 3/4V	Amelia P for her valuable contributions to our Literature Circle discussions. Joshua M for presenting his book work neatly and clearly.
YEAR 5/6C	James H for producing a high standard of work in all areas of his learning. Ryan D for his enthusiastic approach to all learning activities.
YEAR 5/6L	Joel K for his great multiplication of decimals. Isla Mc for being a responsible classroom helper.
YEAR 5/6K	Madeline M for producing a high standard of work in all areas of her learning. Jordan S for putting in a great effort during reading tasks.



Our next **Walk Ride to School Day** is on Tuesday 17th October. Walking School Buses will run on this day. Hope you can join in the fun.

Be a part of the excitement & join the Seagulls army this Sunday!



VFL PRELIMINARY FINAL
Sunday 17th September
Fortburn Stadium (North Port Oval)
2.40pm



DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE GRAND FINAL
Sunday 17th September
Fortburn Stadium (North Port Oval)
11.30am



ALTONA LIFE SAVING CLUB INFORMATION DAY

Sunday 17 September 2017

11am - 1:30pm

Altona Life Saving Club Rooms,
139 The Esplanade, Altona.



For more information visit: www.altonalsc.com.au

EDUCATION IN FAITH



2018 Sacrament Date

Confirmation: Term 1. Friday, 23rd March, 2018 at 7pm.
(The Sponsor must be a baptised Catholic over the age of 16)



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** 19th Sept,
- **Wednesday** 20th Sept &
- **Thursday** 21st 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.

Kyle Escobar & Sara Adani

Your very enterprising Social Justice Leaders!

Weekly Class Mass:

On Friday 22nd Sept Year 1/2HT will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- * A safe and happy holiday time for all our school families and friends.



"Be not hasty in judging one another".
1878



Holy Spirit,
 you are the origin of all gifts,
 Make us grateful stewards of your many blessings.
 Father, Creator of Abundance,
 Grant us generosity in sharing our gifts & resources
 with our brothers & sisters around the world.
 Jesus, Prince of Peace,
 Make us advocates of the peace that
 strengthens justice,
 And the justice that sustains peace.
 We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Altona/Laverton Council of Churches –

Refugee Ration Meal. 6pm, Friday 13 October 2017 at St. Mary's School Hall, Altona. SHARE a meal based on typical rations available in a refugee camp. HEAR the stories of refugees from recent times and from a generation ago, who have now made their home in Australia. SUPPORT the work of 'Act for Peace' in providing for refugees in need today. Everyone is welcome! No charge – donations will be invited to support 'Act for Peace' programs for refugees. A form has been placed in the Narthex for you to indicate your attendance. Please place your details on this form if you wish to attend.

St. Joseph's By The Sea, 16 Esplanade Williamstown.
 Thurs 21 st September – Prayer & Spirituality 1.30-3pm
 and repeated at 7.30pm.

Know your place, know your story. *Place is our home, local precinct, suburb, world. Story connects us to family, community and world.* Jim Sheedy, Principal of St. Mary's School Williamstown.

Cost: subsidised: \$10-15; Cost \$20-25; Gift \$30-35.

Tuesday 26 Sept. – Zen of Seeing 7.30-9pm.

"Seeing & Drawing as meditation"

On Sunday, 24th September 2017 the Church will celebrate Social Justice Sunday. In keeping with tradition, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference (ACBC) will be releasing a Social Justice Statement. You may recall that in 2016 the Statement was titled A PLACE AT THE TABLE. Social Justice in an Ageing Society. 2016-17; 2017-18. The 2017-18 Statement is titled EVERYONE'S BUSINESS Developing an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy. The Official Launch of the ACBC's Statement in the Melbourne Archdiocese will take place: Day/Time: Monday 18th September 2017 from 3.00pm; Venue: MacKillop Room, St Francis' Pastoral Centre, Cnr Elizabeth and Lonsdale Sts., Melbourne. Guest Speaker: Susan Pascoe AM, Commissioner of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. You are invited to attend the launch, but due to limited numbers, an RSVP is essential please. Please rsvp to justice@cam.org.au or phone 9926 5727

One of our Church Cleaning Teams requires assistance while one of their members is away. Can anyone help to clean on Wed 20th Sept & Wed 18th Oct at 10am for approximately one hour? If so please contact Lucy at the Parish House. 93982964. Thank you.



Uniform Shop: Open Thursdays 2.30-3.00pm

Uniforms can be ordered via email, stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com. Simply use the description on the form adding size and quantity.

Payments can be made with either cash to the shop, or direct deposit (details at the bottom of the uniform order form). The order form can be found on the school website under NEWS then Notes & Forms.

Get into Tennis at your local club with a Free Intro!



Vida Tennis would like to invite you to try a tennis program with us at the **Altona Tennis Club**

Kids Hot Shots Lessons
Head Start - 3-5 years old
Private & Squad sessions
Adult & Cardio Tennis

Adult, Junior & Night Comp
Hot Shots Match Play
Fast 4 Tennis
Australian Open Ball kids trials

Contact Mark 0488 098 680 mark@vidatennis.com.au
www.vidatennis.com.au/free-intro-tennis-lesson



Altona

Little Athletics Centre



COME & TRY!

23rd September 2017
9am to 12noon
George Nevitt Athletics Track
Sugargum Drive, Altona

REGISTRATION: \$175 1st child, \$155 2nd child, \$135 3rd child & thereafter
ORIENTATION DAY: 30th September 2017, 9am -11am
SEASON STARTS: 7th October 2017, 8:30am -11am

Register online at lavic.com.au

For more information contact REBECCA on 0499 994 305

Pink Breakfast

Tuesday 26th September 2017

Please join us at the beautiful Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club for a morning of light entertainment and enlightening guest speaker to help raise awareness and support for Breast Cancer Research.

All proceeds from our fabulous breakfast will go to the Breast Cancer Network Australia, The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute and the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Soak in the atmosphere of the Motor Yacht Club and enjoy the vista of the Melbourne city skyline.



Date Tuesday 26th September
Time 6:45am to 9:00am
Location Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club
260 Nelson Place, Williamstown
Cost \$55.00 per head
includes a full breakfast,
Raffle, silent auction, and door
prizes to be won. Early Bird discount
of 10% applies if booking a table of
10 by the 15/9/17.

Guest Speaker:

Lyn Swinburne, AM, is a prominent women's advocate, inspirational speaker and founder of Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA).

RSVP 21st September 2017

Enquiries/Tickets

Marlene - 0409 320 684
Tickets can be purchased online at
rotarypinkbreakfast.com or in-store at
Novel Kitchen, 80 Ferguson St, Williamstown

rotarypinkbreakfast.com

