



# St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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happy  
holidays!



Dear Parents,

No.30 22nd September, 2017

**What an outstanding job our Year 5/6 students did this week with their Social Justice stalls. It was amazing to walk onto the netball court before school on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday this week and experience the buzz of excitement as so many parents and students were trying to decide what scrumptious delight they were going to purchase. This excitement continued at recess and lunchtimes.**

**As a result of the organisation, teamwork and hard work of our wonderful Year 5/6 students, their parents, their teachers (Olive Chodowski, Megan Loft and Jane Kirkwood), and the generosity of the wider St. Mary's families they raised a total of \$3,283.75. A cheque for this amount will be handed over to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society at a School Assembly next term.**

**In the spirit of Mary MacKillop - "Never see a need without doing something about it"**

## **SCHOOL DISCO:**

A big Thank you to Erin Boyd and the Parents & Friends Committee and other parents that helped organise, set up, supervise and clean up after our school disco last night.

## **EARN & LEARN:**

Thank you to the many school families and friends who supported us in collecting the Earn & Learn stickers from Woolworths. We collected a total of **8220 stickers**. A great effort by all involved. Next term I look forward to detailing to you the range of educational resources we have been able to obtain as a result of the stickers we have collected.

## **SEASONS FOR GROWTH: Small group Grief & Loss Education program**

Each year we offer the opportunity for students who have experienced grief and loss to be involved in this program.

The program has been designed to support all children and young people who have experienced loss and change. Content areas include change and loss as part of life, feelings, memories, choices and moving forward.

Participating in the program aims to support young people to develop skills in communicating, coping, decision making and problem solving.

The Seasons for Growth grief and loss education program is conducted over eight 40-50 minute sessions with small groups of 4-7 children and supported by a trained adult facilitator ('Companion').

For more information visit the KidsMatter Website <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/programs/seasons-growth-0>

Please contact Marg Masseni [mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au) if you are interested in your child participating.

A program will be run in Term 4 given enough interest.

## **Book Fair is coming!!**

At the beginning of Term 4, Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St. Mary's.

In the first week after the holidays, the Fair will be set up in the school hall and students will get the chance to have a sneak peek with their classes. We are very excited about having a special visitor at our Monday assembly on the 9th October. **Book Fair will be open for sales during the second week, Mon 16th October - Friday 20th (excluding Thursday which is a school closure day). Hours: 8.30-9am and 3-4pm.**

This is a fantastic opportunity to start getting ready for Christmas and stock up on Christmas presents for children, nephews, nieces, grandchildren... At the same time, you'll be helping our school. Last year's Book Fair raised nearly \$2000 worth of books that are now being used in our library, in literacy areas and in classrooms.

## **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS IN TERM FOUR:**

**Week Two: Thursday 19th October.** (OSHC will only operate if sufficient numbers, you'll need to book online ASAP)

**Week Five: Monday 6th November.** (Monday before Tuesday's Melbourne Cup Public Holiday).

I hope all our school families have a restful and enjoyable break over the next two weeks. School resumes for Term Four on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

David Kelly  
Principal

## EDUCATION IN FAITH



### 2018 Sacrament Date

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



### Social Justice Week

We had a very busy cooking, baking, making and preparing this week for our Social Justice stalls. We thank everybody for your support of our endeavours in raising money for our local St Vincent de Paul Society. Thank-you to St. Mary's families, students and staff for making this a successful money raiser.

**Kyle Escobar & Sara Adani**  
Social Justice Leaders!



#### Weekly Class Mass:

**On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct Year 1/2N will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.**



### END-OF-TERM-PRAYER

We thank you Lord, for this term.  
For the challenges, the successes,  
and the mistakes from which we have learnt.  
God of the ordinary be with us now as we spend  
our time with family and friends.  
Give us strength and courage to do what is right:  
to be witnesses of our faith.  
Help us these holidays,  
to appreciate what others do for us,  
to give time and effort into helping others.  
To be peacemakers in our family.  
Keep us safe in our activities;  
give us good rest and good fun.  
Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.  
We thank you for our classmates, parents, teachers  
and a St Mary's community that cares for us.  
May we always be conscious of you in our lives. 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.**

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

Our next **Family & Youth Mass** will be Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 at 5pm. All welcome.

This Sunday the **24<sup>th</sup> September 2017**, the Church will celebrate **Social Justice Sunday**. In keeping with tradition, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference (ACBC) has released a Social Justice Statement titled: **EVERYONE'S BUSINESS** *Developing an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy*. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. **Copies are available from the church Narthex.**

**Lift up the Cross of Christ – Join us as we carry the cross over Victoria during 2017.** **Mon 25 Sept.** – Arrival of Jubilee Cross to St. Leo's Church, Mason St. Nth. Altona. **Tue 26 Sept.** - Blessing & Sending of Pilgrims 9.15am Mass, Rosary. 10am Walk with the Cross. **Wed 27 Sept.** – 8am Mass, Rosary, Adoration. 7.30pm Ecumenical Gathering, Supper. **Thurs 28 Sept** – 9.15am Mass, Rosary. 10am-12pm – Ecumenical Intercessory Prayer. **Fri 29 Sept** – 8am Mass, Rosary. 10am Stations of the Cross, Adoration. **Sat 30 Sept** – 9.15am Mass, Rosary. 10am Blessing & sending the cross to St. Albans South.

## WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Our next Walk / Ride to School day is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Walking School Buses will run on that day. Please complete the Google form via the link on our newsletter email.

We need supervisors for both buses but especially the Mc Intyre Drive bus, so please consider whether you can help us out.



## PRINCIPALS AWARDS 18th Sept, 2017

PREP D	Ania W for her great mathematical thinking.
PREP S	James S for writing an amazing book about his family.
YEAR 1/ 2HT	Jackson B for beginning to read with expression.
YEAR 1/ 2S	Sophie B for her great efforts with revising and editing of her writing.
YEAR 1/ 2N	Aaliyah F for her excellent efforts in reading.
YEAR 1/2G	Trinity E for being extremely helpful to those around her.
YEAR 3/4M	Saxon A for consistently presenting beautiful book work.
YEAR 3/4HK	Rachel C for working hard towards gaining her pen licence.
YEAR 3/4V	Raf U for being a helpful mentor to his peers during ICT sessions.
YEAR 5/6C	Mia A for her positive and enthusiastic approach to classroom activities.
YEAR 5/6L	Bridie O for always pushing herself to complete challenging work.
YEAR 5/6K	Jazmin D for her mature approach to her learning.

## Robotics Workshops in Melbourne and Geelong with CO-STEM!

In each session students learn about a range of robots - from simple robots that can be programmed with Scratch to one of the world's most advanced humanoids, NAO. Students will build their own BinaryBot Robot to take home and also work with the modular EZ-Robot platform. In addition to robot construction and programming, students will discuss ethical issues associated with robots and be exposed to interesting STEM projects.

**Recommended for ages:** 11-14

Visit <http://co-stem.com.au/> Programs for more information

## TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2017



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Caroline Cassar

Thursday

Friday Rosemary Ciavarella

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



## Uniform Shop: Open Thursdays 2.30-3.00pm

Uniform can be ordered via email, [stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## Meditation & Mindfulness

For Sessions comprising of – universal practice of meditation, benefits, breath & the mantra, dealing with distractions & integrating meditation into daily life.

**Where:** Joseph's Corner, 13 Bellin Street (Cnr Bellini & Campbell St) Laverton.

**When:** 1pm – 2.30pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> October & 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

**Cost:** suggested donation - Gold coin

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