



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents

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Yesterday we completed a very successful, informative and rewarding staff professional development day titled: *"A Survival Guide to Sane Spirituality in Catholic Education"* Our day was led by Fr Richard Leonard, a Jesuit priest based at North Sydney. He has degrees in arts and education, as well as a master's degree in theology. Fr Richard did graduate studies at the London Film School and has a PhD in cinema studies from the University of Melbourne. He directs the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting, is an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University and has been a visiting scholar within the School of Theatre, Film & Television at UCLA and a visiting Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Fr Richard is a member of the Australian Catholic Media Council and a film critic for all the major Australian Catholic newspapers. He has served on juries at the Venice, Berlin, Warsaw, Hong Kong, Montreal, Brisbane and Melbourne International Film Festivals and he has lectured on film, faith and culture across Australia and the Pacific, Asia, the UK and the USA. Fr Richard has been published in America Magazine, Eureka Street, US Catholics, is a regular columnist with The London Tablet and is often on ABC Radio. He is the author of nine books including the religious best sellers:

Where the Hell is God?

Why Bother Praying?

What are we doing on earth for Christ's sake?

What are we waiting for? Reflections for Advent & Christmas.

What are we hoping for? Reflections for Lent & Easter.

His most recent book: What's It All About? Living lives of faith, hope and love.

Anyone interested in any of these books you can google him for details.



WALKATHON 2017

Our Walkathon is coming up next Friday 27 October. Here are a few reminders...

- Spare sponsor forms are at the office and also available on the school website NEWS: Notes & Forms.
- Children should wear their SPORTS UNIFORM on the day (with a SPLASH OF RED for Child Safety).
- Set up for the Walkathon will be at 11.30am.
- Children will walk from 12:00-1:00pm.
- On the day of the walkathon, your child/ren will bring home their lap card, a letter of congratulations which will tell you the number of laps they walked and a page of raffle tickets for you to fill in and return with sponsor forms and money.
- For every \$20 raised children receive a ticket in the raffle.
- Sponsor forms and money should be returned to the school office via the classroom brown boxes by Monday 13th November
- The raffle draw will take place at a special assembly, Friday 17th November 2.30pm

There is still time to get more sponsors... remember, the more you raise the more chances you get to win one of our great prizes.

"Child Safety Day" Friday 27th October

WEAR a SPLASH of RED to show your support for highlighting the importance of Child Safety.

Regional Athletics – Congrats to Shannon and Oscar who competed in the 1500metres and Chloe Z, Sienna T, Hannah E and Anna A who competed in the 11 year girls relay team. A great effort from everyone.

David Kelly
Principal

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)



Weekly Class Mass:

On Friday 27th Nov Year 1/2S will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.



"All in the end shall be well." 1889

"Why bother praying?"

It does not matter if we have developed bad habits in limiting prayer to only asking for things, but prayer is much, much richer than that. By all means let's keep asking God to keep changing us, but let's also give praise and thanksgiving; crying out in lamentation; affirm our trust and faith; sing of our salvation; and simply wait upon the Lord. There is a way to pray for all seasons under the sun."

— **Richard Leonard, sj**



Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give, will never thirst again John 4:14

Catholic Mission supports missionaries like Sr. Mary Hoaian in Nha Trang, Vietnam to provide critical community resources, such as clean drinking water and medical care, to the country's 12 million forgotten farming families, living in the costal mountain regions. By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission appeal today, or by partnering with us through your monthly gift, you can support isolated families in coastal Vietnam and all around the world, to receive the vital resources they require such as clean drinking water and medical care. **Please give generously to support impoverished families in Vietnam, and around the world today**

Columban Calendars: \$8.50

Christmas Cards, packet of eight: \$4.00 available from SVDP Piety Stall

Celebrations for the month of the Holy Rosary from 22nd October to 31st October. For ten days, the Rosary will be recited half an hour before each Mass.

8.45am on weekdays; 5.30pm on Saturdays; 8am & 10am on Sundays. Please note there will be no morning Mass on Tuesday 31st October, instead there will be an evening Mass at 7.30pm presided by the Rosary at 7pm to conclude the month of the Holy Rosary.

Bulletin Deliveries:

If any parishioner can spare some time during the week delivering to any of the following streets, it would be very much appreciated: Akuna; Bell; Blyth (part of); Belmar; Burt; Cambridge; Chorley; Civic (part of); Cowra; Cobham; Emery; Emu; Frazer; Grieve; Hammond; Kearney; Kookaburra; Lark; Lowe; Lugg; McAlpine; Maidstone (part of); McIntyre; Millers; Queen; Stirling; Finley; Keeshan; Merrit; Spear; Sussex & Waters. Please ring Lucy at the parish house if you can help out

TUCKSHOP HELPERS

Week beginning 23rd October, 2017



Monday
 Tuesday
 Wednesday
 Thursday
 Friday

Marylinda Abate

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

POSTPONED - Adults Disco

We've had to postpone our adults "Famous" disco for this year. We are hoping to re-schedule it for early 2018.



Uniform Shop: Open Thursdays 2.30-3.00pm

Uniform 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.

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here at St Mary's Altona.**

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conducts a music program
here at school each week.**

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lessons of up to 30 minutes give chil-
dren an excellent grounding in music
where they will learn to read music
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