

St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No.13 12th May, 2017

A very sincere Thank You to Cheri Steen and her band of helpers for organising such a successful Mother's Day Stall for all our students today. I received lots of excited requests, "to come and see what I've bought for my mum". Some were so excited I'm not sure how they are going to contain their excitement until Sunday.

A reminder that our annual School & Parish Mass for Mother's Day will be held this Sunday at 10.30 am. All school families are invited and encouraged to join us at this celebration.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS FEAST DAY:

Is on Wednesday 24th May and we will be celebrating it at school. More details will follow next week. We urgently need one or two parents to help organise the lunch on this day. No experience is required as there are detailed instructions from previous years. So please contact myself or Marilyn Fischer (President of the P & F) if you can assist.

However on Sunday 21st May the Parish invites all school families to join them to Celebrate our Feast Day & Our Cultural Communities at the 10.30 am. Mass on Sunday 21st May. Please dress in your cultural dress. Music to be lead by the Zimbabwean Community. A Maltese Band and celebrations in the School Hall to follow Mass. Fr. Shabin has asked for you to bring a plate of food to share. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter as well as some displayed around the school.

PREP 2018:

Applications for Enrolment in Prep at St. Mary's in 2018 closed today. Parents that have applied will be receiving a letter next week inviting them to select a suitable time to attend a short interview with Fr. Shabin and myself on either Tuesday 30th May or Thursday 1st June.

If you know of anyone who was thinking about applying to our school please advise them to contact us as soon as possible.

SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD:

The Annual General Meeting of the School Education Board will be held next Wednesday commencing at 7.30 pm. in the Staffroom. There is a vacancy for a Parent Representative on the School Education Board. Anyone interested in joining please speak to myself or one of the existing members: Katrina Haby, Diane Howell, Paul Kruger, or Paul Moore. No expertise is required other than a wish to be involved in your child's education. The School Education Board meets approximately 5 times a year. An outline of the Functions and Purposes of the School Education Board and a Nomination Form are available from the School Office or on our School Website in "News", "Notes & Forms".

FOOTY TIPPING:

Not surprisingly no one correctly selected all nine winners last round so the Jackpot this week is \$15.00. Good Luck!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MUMS!

David Kelly,
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2017 SACRAMENT DATES



First Eucharist Dates

Family Workshop: Wednesday, 31st May. 7pm
Shared Meal/Practice Session: Wednesday 14th June. 7pm.
Sacrament of First Eucharist: Sunday, 18th June. 3pm.



Confirmation Date

Rite of Acceptance Mass Weekend:
Saturday 24th June – 6pm/Sunday 25th June – 10.30am
Wednesday 19th July - Confirmation Family Workshop
Friday 18th August - Sacrament of Confirmation



The month of May offers us much to celebrate. We honour Mary in special ways.



Will Mary return to celebrate her feast day –
Our Lady, Help of Christians
on Wednesday, 24th May at 9.15am?
All welcome to come and celebrate our special day and to see our own special miracle!

Hail Mary, full of grace.
Our Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

A Mothers' Day Prayer

Thank you, Creator God,
for your special gift of mothers;
for the example of your unconditional love
they share with their children.

Lord, today we
protect and guide
everywhere;
grant them your
in loving and
their children.
for the mothers
with us, taught us,
fed us, listened to



pray you will
mothers
that you will
wisdom
teaching
Thank you
who played
nurtured us,
us and tried

to understand us.

Today we honour, celebrate and reflect on the
women who gave us birth,
or adopted us into their heart.
We thank you Lord, for life, and for all Mums!
Amen.

Social Justice News

Term Two Social Justice initiative:

Next week we will participate in CatholicCare Week with our annual Coin Trail money raiser on Friday 19th May. So start saving your coins. Big points for each House Team are on offer. House captains will be at the back of the hall after school assembly on Monday to collect any donations.

Thank-you.

Sara Adani & Kyle Escobar
(Social Justice Leaders)

Weekly Class Mass:
On Friday 19th May Year 1/2S
will be attending the 9:15am
parish mass. Family and
friends are invited to celebrate
and join the children in prayer.





Parish News



Annual Parish Feast & Multicultural Sunday

We will be celebrating our annual Feast, Mary Help of Christians on **Sunday 21st May at the 10.30am Mass.** It will also be a Cultural Festival. There will be no 8.30am Mass on this day. Everyone is invited to come in their National Costume. Please bring a plate. Celebrations will continue after Mass in the School Hall.

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY 21 May.

Next weekend is Chaplaincy Sunday in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund will be conducting a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains. Our dedicated Chaplains in the Youth Justice Centre at Parkville can work under extremely sad circumstances; conducting funerals, memorial services, hospital visits and offering support at court appearances.

"Press on! Don't let yourselves be robbed of hope. Understood?" Pope Francis.

You are invited and encouraged to take home the envelopes on the seats this weekend and bring back next week with your considered donation.

To find out more please view the Chaplaincy Sunday webpage www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY FRIDAY 19 MAY 2017

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 19 May 2017!



Our WALKING SCHOOL BUSES will run on this day:
Complete the Google form via the newsletter email.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY



The Altona District Cross Country carnival will be held next Tuesday 16th May at Cherry Lake. The first race begins at 12.15pm and the last race starts at 1.20pm. Students age 9/10 will run 2km and 11/12 year olds will run 3km. Students have been training hard every Thursday morning for the last 5 weeks. Well done to all the students who attending training but unfortunately there aren't enough spots in the team for everyone.

The following students have made the team and will represent our school next Tuesday;

12/13 Boys Oliver Jeffery, James Hills, Noah Defina, Aidan Vella **Emergency-** Kane Sortino **11 Boys** Jacob Yacono, Lucas Galea, Daniel Ameri, Lachland Green **Emergency-** Thomas Chan **9/10 Boys** Jett Porter, Jesse Longaretti, Oscar Devetac, Jordan Fenton **Emergency-** David Teshomi **Emergency-** Lucas Mickovski **12/13 Girls** Ava Steinhardt, Isla McAvoy, Mackenzie Pace, Jasmine Dowd **11 Girls** Sienna Tanti, Maddie Mickovski, Anna Adani, Emma Hussey **9/10 Girls** Lexi Reitveld, Summa Polo, Shannon Williams, Keely Williams **Emergency-** Eliza Pelns **Emergency-** Bianca Singh.

Captains this year are Noah Defina and Maddie Mickovski. Congratulations!

Good Luck to all students who are competing and hope to see many of you there to enjoy the running.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS – 8TH May

PREP D: Claudia Engler for the enthusiastic way that she participates in class.
1/2HT: Daniel Ciavarella for always contributing to class discussions
1/2S: Lexi Robertson for working hard on all tasks with care and persistence
1/2N: Zara Azzopardi for her hard work in Maths.
1/2G: Sedale Threatt for working hard to make better choices in the classroom.
3/4M: Jessica Le for working productively on her persuasive writing.
3/4HK: Keely Williams for her dedication to improving her writing skills.
3/4V: Gemma Deller for writing a well-structured persuasive piece.
5/6C: Michael Pye for his exemplary behaviour at Year 6 camp.
5/6L: Nicolina Shute for her fantastic manners and participation during Year 6 Camp.
5/6K: Thomas Jones for his amazing ballet performance at Year 6 Camp.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE NEWS

'Members of your school community are invited to attend a free presentation of the Resilience Project by acclaimed presenter Hugh Van Cuylenburg. The session is designed to inspire students, empower teachers and engage parents in the area of supporting young people to be resilient.

The session is being conducted at our Notre Dame Campus on **Wednesday 17 May, 2017, commencing at 7pm.**

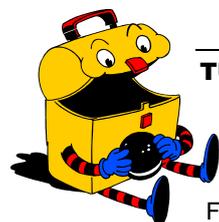
This session is free and open to all members of our wider community, please **RSVP** to Nicolette Williams at nwilliams@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au by **Monday 15 May, 2017.** We hope to see you there.'



NEED 2 READ IS BACK... Every Tuesday and Thursday from 8.20 to 8.40 am in the Library we have our **Need 2 Read Club.**

This week we have had around **100 students and family members** come along to Need to Read. Such a great response!

All school children and their family members are welcome to come along and enjoy reading. As a way to encourage children to come they will have a N2R card and each time they come will receive a stamp. When they reach 5, 10 and 15 they can choose a prize from our Lucky Prize Box. Children need to be in the library by 8.30 am to receive a stamp. See you there.



TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 15th May 2017

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Caroline Cassar

Thursday

Friday Rosemary Ciavarella

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE

OPEN EVENTS 2017

We welcome you to meet our Principal, talk to our teachers and join a student-led tour of the College.

TWILIGHT OPEN EVENING

Thursday 9 February 4:00pm-8:00pm
Principal's address at 5:00pm & 7:00pm

OPEN DAY

Sunday 28 May 10:00am – 2:00pm
Principal's address at 11:00am & 1:00pm

Register online at www.msj.vic.edu.au

CURRENTLY ACCEPTING ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2017, 2018 & 2019



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ALTONA INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR..

*Parish Feast Day
Celebrating our
cultural communities*



SUNDAY | MAY 21 | 10.30AM MASS

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