



# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2017

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**Dear Parents,**

**No. 15 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

We have had a few families notify us that CareMonkey emails are going to their Junk or Spam folders. This is easy to change. Go to your Junk or Spam folder and locate and open a CareMonkey email. Depending on what email carrier you are using it will have a button or command 'NOT SPAM' or 'NOT JUNK'. Simply click this and in future your CareMonkey emails will arrive in your inbox. If you still can't figure it out, a simple google search will help you with the solution e.g how do I change junk emails to my inbox in hotmail. If you are still having problems please email Ronnie Tucker: [vtucker@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vtucker@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)

### FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILY WORKSHOP:

This will take place in the school hall commencing at 7.00 pm next Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Mr Sean Carr from Presentation Family Project will lead this Workshop. All children preparing to receive their First Eucharist will need to attend with a family member.

### PROPOSED GOVERNMENT FUNDING:

I encourage you to read the two articles attached to this newsletter email:  
School funding needs to keep pace with school costs  
A handy guide to the claims made about school funding

### FOOTY TIPPING:

Just to clarify things for everyone. The Jackpot is not available on BYE Rounds as there are not 9 matches. Round 10 has 9 matches so the Jackpot is available \$20.00. Good Luck!

**David Kelly,  
Principal.**

### Principal Awards for 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017

PREP D	Charlie Wright for her hard work during writing time.
PREP S	Gianluca Carniato for the interesting contributions he makes in discussions.
YEAR 1/ 2HT	Anderson Jack for a big improvement in his handwriting.
YEAR 1/ 2S	Anika Manton for her great contributions to class discussions.
YEAR 1/ 2N	Fernando Jimena for his excellent story titled 'Bendy and the Ink Machine'
YEAR 1/2G	Nathan Torre for his fantastic improvement in his handwriting.
YEAR 3/4M	Lily Sattout for taking pride in the presentation of all her work.
YEAR 3/4HK	Jesse Longaretti-Schreppel for his amazing organisational skills and his dedication to his learning.
YEAR 3/4V	Zed Didenkowski for his valuable contributions to class discussions during our inquiry sessions.
YEAR 5/6C	Chloe Zuvela for her sunny personality and positive attitude to class activities.
YEAR 5/6L	Ally Smedley for eagerly sharing her vast knowledge of the Solar System with the class.
YEAR 5/6K	Betty Tedla for consistently coming into class with a positive attitude, ready to learn.

# EDUCATION IN FAITH

## 2017 SACRAMENT DATES



### First Eucharist Dates

**Family Workshop: Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May. 7pm**

**Shared Meal/Practice Session: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. 7pm.**

**Sacrament of First Eucharist: Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> June. 3pm.**



### Confirmation Date

**Rite of Acceptance Mass Weekend:**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June – 6pm/Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June – 10.30am**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Confirmation Family Workshop**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August - Sacrament of Confirmation**



**We welcome our newly refurbished Mary, Help of Christians statue back in our school foyer. Fr Shabin gave Mary and all students and staff a special blessing to celebrate our feast day on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May.**



**Mary, Help of Christians Pray For Us.**



*"God understands us better than we understand ourselves or each other".*  
21.5.1877

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- \* Our Year 3 students as they prepare to celebrate their First Eucharist.
- \* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.

### Weekly Class Mass:

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



Year 3/4M will celebrate their class prayer assembly on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May.  
Everyone is welcome.



### Social Justice News

#### Term Two Social Justice initiative:

We continue to raise money for our World Vision school sponsored child 'Win Naing.'  
Each classroom has a money box for students to donate their coins into.

Thank-you.

Sara Adani & Kyle Escobar  
(Social Justice Leaders)



## Parish News



Thank you to all parishioners who attended our annual Parish Feast & Multicultural Sunday last week and a special thank you to all those who contributed in any way to help make it a successful and joyous celebration.

**Euthanasia/assisted suicide legislation** – The Victorian Parliament is moving closer to debating an assisted suicide and euthanasia bill. A pamphlet titled 'When life is Ending' has been prepared by Sister Ong in non-technical terms with the objective of explaining the position of the Church in relation to end of life care and the impact of the changes proposed by the recent inquiry into End of Life Choices. Copies are available from the Narthex. Please take one.

## CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY

Last weekend, we had Chaplaincy Sunday in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. There was a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains.

If you have not returned your envelope and donation you can return it to the parish in the coming weeks or send it directly to the Development Office of the Archdiocese, or donate by phone on **9926 5731**. The role of the Catholic Chaplain is to walk with people as they seek out new possibilities in their lives and support them as they invite God and others to join them in this journey. They spend much of their time listening to the anxieties, fears, hopes and joys of those they meet”.

If you would like further information please contact the Development Office on the above number. Donations will go to young people in youth justice facilities; patients and their families in public hospitals; people living with HIV/AIDS; men and women in prisons; & Seafarers.

### TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 29th May 2017



Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

Marylinda Abate

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

## Communication Skills



### Joseph's Corner warmly welcomes you to “Communication Skills”

As a participant in this free confidential group program, you will be in a safe space to;

- ✚ Learn how vital our communication is
- ✚ Learn the importance of healthy communication in relationships versus unhealthy communication
- ✚ Pay attention to non-verbal signals
- ✚ ALL while listening and helping others to share and do the same!

**Joseph's Corner**  
A counselling service for families living with alcohol and drug addiction

**CONTACT** Telephone: 9315 2680 [contact@josephscorner.org.au](mailto:contact@josephscorner.org.au)

**DAYS** Every Tuesday for 4 weeks **6th** - 27th June

**TIME** 10:00am - 12:00pm

**COST** There is no cost, but a gold coin donation weekly would be appreciated

**VENUE** Joseph's Corner

Cnr. Campbell and Bellin Street,  
LAVERTON

Tea and coffee is provided



**Group counselling provides an opportunity to share experiences, learn perspectives, and experiment with new behaviours in a safe and supportive environment.**

## SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

### HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download

[www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef) and return to the school ASAP.



WOMEN WHO BELIEVE  
LEAD  
CHALLENGE  
INSPIRE

OPEN DAY  
SUNDAY MAY 28, 2017  
10:00AM - 2:00PM  
PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS AT  
11:00AM AND 1:00PM

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