



# St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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**Dear Parents,**

**No. 16 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017**

Our teachers are busy ensuring our student reports are completed and ready to be sent home on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. This semester there has been a few changes in the way we report student progress to parents. New regulations around reporting from the government have given us more autonomy in how we set up the reports. As the reports are new to us, with a big change from our previous report format, we will be calling on parent and staff feedback about the effectiveness of the reports. This feedback will assist us in making decisions on our Semester Two reporting.

Just a reminder that Three Way Learning Conversations will be held in the last week of Term 2 to celebrate your child's learning. I encourage all parents and caregivers to attend these conversations with your child. It is a great time to celebrate learning and also to discuss how your child can take his/her learning further in Terms 3 and 4.



**School  
Interviews**

**ONLINE BOOKING FOR STUDENT / PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS IS  
NOW OPEN:**

These interviews will take place on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 1.30 – 8.00 pm. and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 3.45 – 5.00 pm.** Please go to our school website and click on the **"INTERVIEWS"** button and put in the code **2rfvn** and select your appointment time/s. Bookings will close on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June.



## **NATIONAL BUDDY DAY – THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

On National Buddy Day, teachers, students and parents can all get involved. At St. Mary's we will celebrate the day by: inviting everyone to wear a **SPLASH of PURPLE** and having a whole school assembly before lunch at which our Student Wellbeing leaders, Tegan and Ally, will talk to the school community about Being Better Buddies. At recess we will run a Buddy Photo Booth. Children can have their photo taken with their friends in the school yard. These photos will then be displayed outside the staff room and also uploaded to our Facebook page.



## **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!**

This year we will once again be involved in the **Kids off the Kerb "In Your Shoes"** campaign. In Your Shoes is an unwanted footwear collection program which aims to divert shoes from landfill. Your shoes will be redistributed to people less fortunate. They will also be provided to affordable markets and help create employment and training opportunities for disadvantaged young people. **In Your Shoes also cuts down the amount of discarded shoes that end up in the landfill.**

**So it fits beautifully with our Environment topic for Term 2. (Ask our Year 3/4s all about it!)**

**Send all unwanted (but clean) footwear to school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

- Shoe collection will be on the netball court before school.
- House points will be given for each pair of shoes brought along.
- Be sure to pair them up together by their laces or with rubber bands.

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

**To Shannon Williams and Oscar Devetak who came 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> respectively at the recent Regional Cross Country Championships. Well Done!**

**To Jeremy Cassar who placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the recent VPSSA Golf Tournament. Well Done!**

**David Kelly,  
Principal**

# EDUCATION IN FAITH

## 2017 SACRAMENT DATES



### First Eucharist Dates

**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 18th August - Sacrament of Confirmation**



### Social Justice News

#### VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

**TOGETHER WE CAN DO  
HEROIC THINGS.**

**MAKE A HEROIC DONATION.**

We are looking for donations of non-perishable food items; e.g. canned goods, cereals, pasta etc. Good quality clothes, blankets, books, music and bric-a-brac.

Each class has been given **ONE 'bag'** to fill.

**OUR ACT OF GIVING IS A PHYSICAL SIGN  
OF JESUS' UNCONDITIONAL LOVE FOR  
OTHERS.**

This winter, heroes can be found in many places. St Vincent de Paul...



ASSISTS 1.3 MILLION PEOPLE



PROVIDES 365,164 BEDS



PROVIDES 2

MILLION HOT MEALS

Sara Adani & Kyle Escobar  
(Social Justice Leaders)



*"Lean more on God and  
less on ourselves." 1877*

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

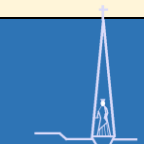
- \* Our Year 3 students as they prepare to celebrate their First Eucharist.
- \* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- \* The Teshomi Family (Lizzy-5/6C, Dawit-3/4HK & Denise-PrepS) on the death of their paternal Grandmother. May she rest in Peace.

#### Weekly Class Mass:

**On Friday 9th June Year 3/4M  
will be attending the 9:15am  
parish mass. Family and friends  
are invited to celebrate and join  
the children in prayer.**



## Parish News



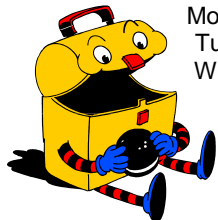
#### **When Life is Ending – Discussing Dying, Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia**

The Victorian Government is seeking to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide later this year. The proposed changes will impact everyone, not just the terminally ill. To help inform parishioners about the key issues involved, Archbishop Hart recently launched a resource titled – *When Life is Ending*. Written by a religious sister who is also a GP and bioethicist, it seeks to provide information that will be helpful to all seeking to oppose the proposed legislation. Please take copies home and pass it onto family and friends. For additional copies contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on: [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au) or 9287 5587.

**Monthly Holy Hour** - All welcome to share in our Holy Hour on **Monday 5 June at 7.30pm** to pray for peace & reconciliation in the world. Rosary, Exposition and Prayers through the intercession of **ST. PIO** will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All Welcome

The next Mass for **Family and Youth** will be on Sunday **11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 5pm**. All welcome

## TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017



Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



Congratulations to our Year 7s on the outstanding evening concert performed, this week, for an enthusiastic audience of parents and friends which showcased the instrumental and vocal skills developed over this semester. It is amazing to see the growth they have achieved in 6 months with their instrument of choice. Well done to

Director of Music, Carmelo Puglisi, on the development of the music program, with the Year 7s and the concert band, string ensemble and choir.

## 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.

# willy lit fest

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Tickets can be purchased on 9932 4074 or @ the Williamstown Library box office



Mount St Joseph Girls' College – Next Open Day Morning  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
9.30am – 10.30am

Applications for year 7, 2019 will close on the 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2017  
Limited places available for 2017 and 2018

Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website [www.mjs.vic.edu.au](http://www.mjs.vic.edu.au) or by contacting the school on 8398 2000 or emailing the College Registrar, Sherri Collins at [registrar@msj.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@msj.vic.edu.au)

**ROUND 7**

**WILLIAMSTOWN SEAGULLS** **V** **GEE LONG CATS**

EST. 1864

**Sunday 4th June - Burbank Oval**  
73 Morris Street, Williamstown  
Seniors - 2.10pm

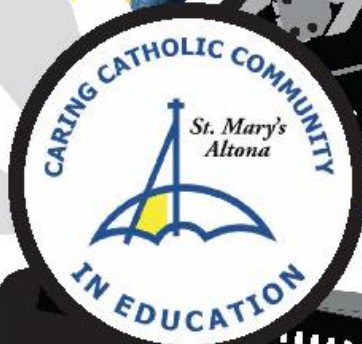
Development - 11.00am

**WATERLINE PLACE**  
**WILLIAMSTOWN 3016**

**FREE KIDS ACTIVITY ZONE**

- ★ Chair-o-Plane
- ★ Abseiling & Rock Climbing
- ★ Animal Farm
- ★ Speccie the Seagull
- ★ Canteen





# Family Movie Night

## "Despicable Me 3"

**Friday June 30th, 6.30pm**  
**Sun Theatre, Ballarat St, Yarraville**

Adult ticket - \$18.00

Child ticket (17 and under) - \$18.00 each (includes small drink & popcorn)

**Cash in envelope to office or book online**  
**at [www.trybooking.com/QGZZ](http://www.trybooking.com/QGZZ)**

Purchase tickets by Thursday 22nd June for your chance to WIN a Sun Theatre Family movie pass for 4, Wyncity \$100 family fun Voucher or \$50 Amart Voucher.  
Drawn in assembly Monday 26th June.

**School families and friends welcome!**