



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No.20 30th June, 2017

Thank you to those parents that have completed the short google form giving us feedback on how they found the new Report format. You can access a link via the newsletter email if you still wish to provide feedback.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Nobody picked all nine winners in the last round so the Jackpot this round is \$30.00. Good Luck!

It seems amazing that we have reached the halfway mark of the school year already.
I hope that everyone has a restful and enjoyable break over the next two weeks.

TERM 3 BEGINS ON MONDAY 17th JULY.

David Kelly,
Principal.

MAKERSPACE at ST. MARY'S

At St Mary's we are in the process of purchasing and collecting materials for our Makerspace which will enhance our Inquiry and STEM based learning.

A 'Makerspace' is a space that:

- Fosters play, exploration and participatory learning
- Encourages collaborative learning where educators and students pool their skills and knowledge and share in the tasks of teaching and learning
- Develops a culture of creating as opposed to consuming
- Enhances **STEM** learning (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

If you have any of the following materials that are in excess or unwanted, we would greatly appreciate your donation.

- **Cardboard, duct tape, painters tape, transparent tape, double sided tape, wood, craft sticks, plastic drinking straws, paper clips, conductive fabric, paper cups and plates, battery packs, rubber bands, conductive copper tape, fishing line, bamboo skewers, balsa wood, graphite pencils, super glue, gorilla glue, hot glue sticks, toothpicks, pvc pipes, acrylic paint, zip ties, string or yarn, fabric, brass fasteners and chipboard.**

Please leave your items in the **Makerspace box in the office.**

Many Thanks
The Curriculum Team

100 DAYS AT SCHOOL: Parents/Guardians of children in Year 1/2.

As part of our number awareness program in Maths, the children in Year 1/2 Level have been counting off the days on their class calendar to calculate 100 days at school for this year.

We have just about made it! To celebrate our 100 days we are having a day of activities focussing on ONE HUNDRED.

Our 100th day will be MONDAY, 24th JULY. (This will be the Monday of the second week of Term 3).

We would appreciate it if you could assist your child to organise something based on 100 to show or share on the day. This could be a collection of 100 things from home (eg. 100 lego pieces, 100 paper clips, etc), packaging with 100 somewhere in its ingredients, 100 in the title, or something else that helps show what they know about the number 100.

Thank you for your assistance.

Margaret Harmathy, Rowena Talbot, Jacqueline Gomez, Lisa Said & Nancy Scuderi.

EDUCATION IN FAITH



Confirmation Dates

Wednesday 19th July - Confirmation Family Workshop 7pm

Friday 18th August - Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm



Grandparent's Day

Early reminder that on Friday 28th July we will celebrate Grandparent's and Special Person's Day. The day begins with Mass at 9.15am, classroom visits after Mass and morning tea in the school hall at 11am.
More details to follow.



"May God bless and keep you all." 1873

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * Our Year 6 students as they prepare to celebrate their Confirmation.
- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- * A safe and peaceful holiday for all school families and staff.

Weekly Class Mass:

On Friday 21st July Year 5/6L will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.



Parish News



Maintenance - Over the coming weeks urgent plumbing works will commence to correct roof and drainage problems to the Presbytery, Church and Narthex as well as the Chapel. In addition to this we have worked closely with Hobsons Bay Council over a number of tree problems in the Memorial Garden area. Timing of works for both projects will be dependent on the weather, but disruption will be kept to a minimum and further advice will be given at upcoming Masses.

Euthanasia & assisted suicide represent the abandonment of the sick and suffering. Just as we accompany someone at the start of life, so we are called to accompany our loved ones at the end of life, ensuring a good death. Euthanasia and assisted suicide represent the abandonment of the sick and the suffering, of older and dying persons. We should be assuring people that their life – even as it ebbs away – is precious. We should not be creating laws that intentionally cause death. To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587, lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia. **Our parish is preparing a letter, writing against Euthanasia on the weekend 15/16 July at all Masses. You are welcome to speak to Lorraine Twentyman or Ray Dyt regarding this issue.**

Monthly Holy Hour - All welcome to share in our Holy Hour on **Monday 3rd Junly 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.

Parish Support for Asylum Seekers and Refugees, a forum on Tues. 11 July, 9.30am – 1.00pm St Monica's Primary School, Moonee Ponds. Featuring parish support leaders and guest speakers Sr Brigid Arthur and Paris Aristotle, CEO Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture, the forum will explain how each parish can respond to the needs of people seeking asylum. Please come! \$15.00. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/QDNB> or call Catholic Social Services Victoria – tel 9287 5566 – for more information.

The next Mass for Family & Youth will be on Sunday July 9th at 5pm. All Welcome!

Jude Johnson a Seminarian born in Myanmar (Burma) who is studying with the Archdiocese will formally commence his duties at St. Marys Parish this weekend. Please make him welcome.



Jack Curran attended the LSV pool States championships this week and did quite well

Bronze U8 25 metre freestyle with Fins

Bronze U8 25m obstacle course

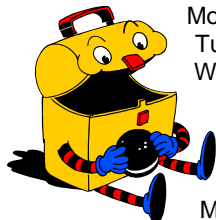
Gold U8 mixed 4/25 kick board relay carry

Silver U8 mixed 4/25 freestyle relay with Fins

Congratulation Jack on your fantastic effort.



TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 17th July 2017



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday Marylinda Abate

Manager:

Eva Coppola

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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.

MILO MONKEY'S BIRTHDAY

Did you see Daisy Dog, Tim Turtle, Jack Jellyfish or lots of other characters wandering around our school this morning?

If you did that's because the Preps were celebrating Milo Monkey's Birthday.

Milo is the main character in the Little Learners Love Literacy program which the Preps have been using this year. A big thank you to our parent helpers this morning who helped with games, serving food as well as setting and cleaning up. We could not have managed without your help!

Also a big thank you to all the parents who went to so much trouble with the fantastic costumes and plates of food. Cathy and Britt

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School photos 2017

Milos day

Facebook

Well done to the Prep classes who raised a profit of \$277 to donate to Sea Shepherd Australia's Marine Debris Campaign. The Preps decorated and sold fabric bags to help reduce the use of plastic bags ending up in our ocean. A big thank you to all those who purchased a bag!

