

St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No.21 21st July, 2017

Welcome back to Term Three. There are lots of things happening this term so please regularly check our online calendar as well as the weekly newsletter. CareMonkey and our Facebook page are also good sources of what is going on.

If you can come and check out some of the changes around the playground:

Our sandpit has changed shape, has all new sand, can be used as a long/triple jump pit and will be getting a cover. Thanks to Tony Grima who did a mountain of work over the holidays. Thanks Tony a fantastic job!

Some new synthetic turf has been laid around the sandpit.

New signs at the front and McBain Street entrance to the school.

GRANDPARENTS' & SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY: NEXT FRIDAY 28th JULY.

This is one of our most popular and enjoyable days of the year. We invite all Grandparents and/or Special Friends to join us at Mass at 9.15 am where you can sit with your grandchildren. We then invite you to join the children in their classrooms where they will show off their work or you can join them in some activities. At approximately 10.50 am. we will invite you to join the staff in the hall for morning tea and some delicious scones. Our very talented school choir will also entertain you in the hall.

WELCOME:

This week we welcomed Ms Cassie Renfrew to the teaching staff at St. Mary's. Cassie will be working on a Tuesday and Wednesday for the remainder of the year supporting some of our children who were eligible for New Arrival Funding as well as other children who will benefit from some small group support.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Congratulations to Xavierboy who correctly selected all 9 winners in Round 17. Winnings can be collected from the school office. The Jackpot this week is \$5.00. Good Luck.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT:

Congratulations to our Mixed Soccer Team who played in the Regional Finals at JT Reserve, Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown. They made it to the grand final but were defeated. Well done Madeline, Mila, Sienna, Layland, Liam, Cooper, Michael, Anthony, Ryan, Oliver, Taj, Lachland, Daniel and Jacob.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Shannon Williams who yesterday in very cold, wet and blustery represented the school at the State Cross Country Championships and placed 34th out of 95 competitors. Well Done Shannon, a great effort.

David Kelly
Principal.



Mount St Joseph Girls' College – Next Open Day Morning

Thursday 10th August 2017 9.30am – 10.30am

Applications for year 7, 2019 will close on the 25th August, 2017

Limited places available for 2017 and 2018

Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website 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

EDUCATION IN FAITH



Sacrament of Confirmation - Friday 18th August, 7pm



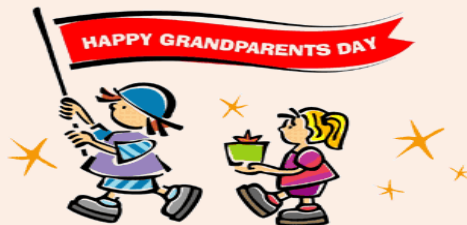
"Confirmation Stole workshop in the TRI centre Tues 25th, Wed 26th & Thurs 27th July fr 1.45 - 3.15pm.
Please BYO small, sharp scissors. Many hands make light work & many hands would be greatly appreciated"

Grandparent's Day

**A reminder that next 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 &**
- ❖ **Morning tea in the school hall
at 11am.**

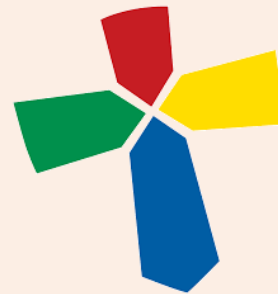
**Special People
Deserve A
Special Day...**



*"There where you are,
you will find God." 1871*

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.



Parish News



Euthanasia also known as mercy killing, is to be presented to the State Government sometime this year in a private members bill by the Health Minister, Jill Hennessy. This practice is very much against the commandment of God and you are urged to contact your State Member of parliament to oppose this legislation. It is vitally important that our members of parliament hear the public's view about the impending euthanasia and physician assisted suicide legislation. 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 has prepared a draft letter, writing against Euthanasia for you to copy which will be available this weekend together with the names, addresses and phone numbers of State Parliamentarians who you can contact. You are welcome to speak to Lorraine Twentyman or Ray Dyt regarding this matter. Prayer cards are available from the Narthex & rear of the church.

Future Maintenance Works

Over the weekend of 29/30 July, a number of photos will be displayed in the Narthex highlighting major roof/draining to be carried out to the Presbytery, Church and Narthex roof as well as the Chapel area. Works to the Presbytery roof will commence late July early August and other works to commence September/October. Further updates will be provided should there be disruption to Church activities. All works are subject to weather conditions.

Maltese Reconciliation

Please note that from August, 2017, Maltese Reconciliation will change from the 1st Friday of the month to the 2nd Friday of the month.

Clay Jars

A copy of a Homily given by Fr. Brendan Byrne SJ on 2nd July titled Treasure in Clay Jars is available from the Narthex. The contents of this article may help to understand the situation Cardinal Pell is presently facing. You are welcome to take a copy.

Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard here at St Mary's Altona.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 3, 2017.

Interested parents should call Fiona during office hours on 9818 2333 or email fiona@creativemusic.com.au

 **Creative Music**
www.creativemusic.com.au



PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Did you Know the following business' support St Mary's Primary Altona?

When out and about shopping for the kids shoes and sporting equipment, please support the following local businesses that support St Mary's Primary.

The Athletes Foot offer a \$5 kickback for any shoes purchased at Werribee, Highpoint and Elizabeth Street.

At **Amart Sports** Hoppers Crossing and Highpoint and **Rebel Sport** Point Cook we receive a 5% community kickback which assists in the purchase of prizes for the kids and school sporting equipment.

Simply ask the sales assistant to link your purchase to St Mary's Primary Altona.

the  **athlete's foot**

AMART
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This year the P&F have again decided to partner with the wonderful Scouts Victoria, "Scouts Monster Raffle". Tickets will go home with your eldest child today Friday 21st July. As per previous years, 75% of all funds raised by St Mary's during the raffle goes directly back to the school community, that's \$1.50 for every \$2.00 ticket sold. More than 100 prizes to be won by lucky ticket winners include this year's 1st Prize, a Kia Sportage Si 2WD Petrol Auto, valued at \$33,353.00, other prizes are IGA Gift Cards, Logitech Surround sound systems and many other gift cards. **St Mary's P&F is also offering with many thanks**

to the following sponsors, a Park Lane Holiday Parks Voucher Value \$300.00 and a Phoenix Hotel Dinner Voucher Value \$50.00 to the family who sells the most tickets (extra Raffle Books are available from the Front Office).

TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 24th July 2017



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Bree O'Halloran

Thursday

Friday Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

New Tuckshop list and prices are on school website - Please take note of the new prices



UNIFORM SHOP

In 2017 the uniform shop will be open: **Thursdays 2.30 - 3.00 pm.**

With Term One being a relatively short term, we are turning our attention to winter uniforms. To ensure that we can order in a timely manner for Term Two, please visit the shop to order your winter uniform. To receive your winter uniform by end of Term One, orders must be placed by Friday 17th February.

For those that are unable to make it to the shop, the order forms are available on the School Website, News, Notes & Forms. These can be sent through to stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com. Payment can be made via direct deposit or cash in an envelope dropped off to the school office. Uniforms once ordered and paid for will be sent home in your child's school bag.

If the sizes are not correct, and the labels are still attached, return them to the office with a note and contact number, and we will endeavour to correct it for you.



JOSEPH'S CORNER TRIVIA NIGHT

WHEN: Saturday 16th September, 2017

TIME: Doors open 7.00pm, with a 7.30pm start. 11:00pm finish.

**WHERE: St Augustine's Hall,
61 Somerville Road, Yarraville.**

COST: \$15 per person

**Bookings on 9315 2680 or
contact@josephscorner.org.au**

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Door Prize, Major Auction and Silent Auction.

All money raised goes to Joseph's Corner, a non-profit organisation providing free counselling and support services for families and friends of those living with alcohol or drug addiction.

Looking forward to seeing you there



An information morning for prospective parents and students of Emmanuel College, including tours, will be conducted at (**Altona/Laverton Parish only:** Notre Dame Campus, Pt Cook at 9:00am and) St Paul's Campus, Altona North at 10:30am on Saturday 12 August. For further information, or to obtain a copy of

the College Prospectus, please contact College Registrar, Donna Grech, on 83255119. **A reminder that the closing date for applications for Year 7, 2019 is Friday 25 August 2017.**



Our Next Walk / Ride to School Day will be on Thursday 27th July.