

# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents

Thank you to the parents and children who attended the First Eucharist Family Workshop on Wednesday evening. We have received many positive comments on the quality of the presenters. A reminder that on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August we will have our Shared Family Meal and Workshop commencing at 6.00 pm. in the school hall.

The Celebration of First Eucharist will take place on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> August at 3.00 pm.

Please keep the following children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive this Sacrament: Xavier Barry, Adrian Bond, Zoe Bond, Maddison Burns, Isabelle Cassar, Sarah Cassar, Keiana Cheung, Daniel Ciavarella, Ava Cooper, Amelie Cowap, Jack Curran, Senan Dias, Gisella DeLuca, Trinity Edwards, Susannah Engler, Thomas Hicks, Isaiah Holland, Zali Howell, Mia Jesaulenko, Fernando Jimena, Aidan Krishna, Charlotte Le-Faucheur, Gabriella Luppino, Jade McGill, Alison Misquitta, Isabella Mitchell, Ruby Ramsay, Zara Reis, Mia Teinovic and Toby Thompson.



### St Mary's STEM Night

A reminder that our STEM Night is coming up on next **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm**. Be prepared for a night of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths fun! Investigations will be set up around the Junior building and TRI Centre for you and your children to explore.

The night will be hands on, challenging you to think outside the square and see how STEM learning is all around us. The investigations are suitable for all ages. This is a Prep - Year 6 event.

All families who attend have the chance to win one of two '14 in 1 Solar Robot Kits'.

STEM showbags will also be given out on the night for all families that attend. Please respond via CareMonkey. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD LUCK:**

To our Mixed Tee Ball Team who have won their way through to the Western Metropolitan Regional Finals of the Schools Sport Victoria competition. On Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> August they will travel to Keilor Park Softball Diamonds to play 3 matches. Good Luck!

### **INSIGHT SRC PARENT SURVEYS:**

Once again Insight SRC is conducting a survey on behalf of the Catholic Education Office, Melbourne and our school. A number of parents will receive an envelope containing instructions and the survey early next week. You can complete it online or in hard copy. If you receive a survey and you don't wish to complete it please return it to school and we will send it to someone else. Please remember your individual responses will remain confidential and can only be accessed by Insight SRC. Feedback will be provided to us, based on the collective answers of all parents who participate in the survey. Thank you in advance for your participation.

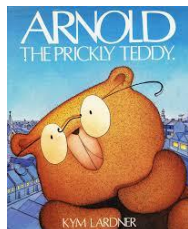
### **FOOTY TIPPING:**

Only 4 rounds to go. No one correctly picked all 9 winners last week so the jackpot this week is \$20. Good Luck!

### **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:**

A reminder that our next School Closure Day is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August. Staff will work with Mathematics expert Michael Ymer on this day. There is no school for students on this day.

David Kelly  
Principal



### **Book Week August 20 - 24.**

As part of the celebrations we have organised a number of enjoyable activities including:

#### **MONDAY AUGUST 20**

Dress up as your favourite book character and bring along the book with you.

We will have a **parade at 9:15am**. Parents are welcome to attend. Throughout the day, children will participate in a variety of activities based on the books nominated for awards. At **2:30pm** there will be a whole school assembly focusing on Book Week.

#### **FRIDAY AUGUST 24**

**Kym Lardner**, a well-known Australian children's author, will be visiting us. He will run three fun filled sessions involving storytelling, singing and drawing.

### **PARENTS & FRIENDS GENTLE REMINDER:**

Don't forget to return your Raffle tickets by August 17th. 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.

There are more than 100 prizes to be won by the lucky ticket winners- with the top ones as follows:

1. Kia Sportage SUV valued at \$32,990 (including on-road costs)
2. A family holiday to the Gold Coast including 5 nights' accommodation and flight vouchers for four people valued at \$2,995
3. \$2000 Snowgum voucher.

More than 100 prizes to be won. Other prizes are IGA Gift Cards, Logitech Surround sound systems and many other gift cards. **YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!!!**



### **PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 30th July 2018**

PREP D	Olivia F for being a compassionate member of Prep D
PREP S	Tina N for working hard on her letter formation
YEAR 1/2G	Ruby M for her excellent effort with spelling
YEAR 1/2K	James S for being a sensible member of our class
YEAR 1/2D	Luca D for his excellent number fact recall
YEAR 1/2S	Tahlia R for confidently contributing to class discussions
YEAR 3/4M	Jessica L for her great communication and teamwork skills in STEM activities
YEAR 3/4HK	Callum T for his excellent friendly letter
YEAR 3/4V	Fernando J for his insightful contributions to class discussions
YEAR 5/6C	Eliza P for her excellent work ethic. She has a positive attitude and consistent work efforts
YEAR 5/6L	Shawn P for putting in more of an enthusiastic effort with learning tasks
YEAR 5/6H	Caitlin K for approaching learning with a positive attitude

### **CLASS NEWS: The Week That Was!!**

#### **PREP**

We are excited to be learning about where food comes from. In Reading, we are finding out about different sounds that letters can make, including double consonants and plural S. In Maths we have been learning about subtraction.

#### **YEAR ONE / TWO**

The 1/2's have continued hunting for verbs through close reads of Pamela Allen's stories. We have also worked hard to finish publishing our fairy-tales. In Maths, we have been working hard to revise our knowledge of number facts and the four operations. We enjoyed making Multiplication Monsters. We also really loved writing a friendship cloud about what makes a great friend.

#### **YEAR THREE / FOUR**

The 3/4's are gearing up for a great term of STEM projects. We have already looked at force and motion and inertia and spoken about some of Isaac Newton's work in these areas. In Maths we are looking at Fractions and Decimals and have started using the Prodigy program in our homework. Year 3's are looking forward to their first Eucharist.

#### **YEAR FIVE / SIX**

The 5/6's had a great time today during their incursion, learning about electrical circuits, conductors and insulators. In Maths, we're continuing to look at fractions and how to add, subtract and multiply fractions with the same and different denominators. In Religion we are exploring our understanding of 'justice' in our world and looking at the broader concept of 'What is justice for the poor?'

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### 2018 Sacrament Dates

#### FIRST EUCHARIST DATES:

\* **Shared Meal & Practice Session – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August – School Hall - 6pm**

\* **SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST – SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – 3PM**

Next Wednesday is the Feast Day of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We also celebrate the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

Archpriest Michael's All families welcome to



ordination. and friends are attend a

**WHOLE SCHOOL mass on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 9.15am**

*"Love one another and help one another." 1873*

Please pray for:

- \* Our St Mary's students who are preparing to receive their First Eucharist in August
- \* All members of our community who are sick Or in need of our prayerful support



**"All families need God.** Every single one. We need His help, His strength, His blessing, His mercy and His forgiveness. It takes simplicity. To pray as a family, simplicity is needed....

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As a family, you can pray the 'Our Father' around the dinner table. That's not difficult to do, it's easy. Praying the rosary together, as a family is very beautiful and it gives strength. Also praying for one another: A husband for his wife and a wife for her husband. Parents praying for their children and children for their parents and grandparents. Praying for one another."

**- POPE FRANCIS**

### **TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

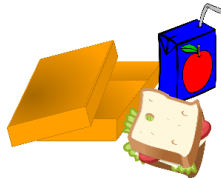
Thursday:

**Marylinda Abate**

Friday:

**Anne Cooper**

**Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799**



### **WILLIAMSTOWN HOSPITAL: CAN YOU HELP?**

Are you interested in Volunteering at The Williamstown Hospital Opportunity Shop?

- Have you got a spare 4 hours a week or fortnight to help your local community?
- Are you interested in helping Western Health raise money for Williamstown Hospital in our retail store on Ferguson Street?
- Would you like to be a part of a well-recognised, award winning volunteer Western Health program and join the diverse, committed volunteer retail team?

If so, please contact Fiona Halse, Coordinator of Volunteers (Williamstown) on 0401 684 977



*Welcome* BACK TO **MSJ**

class of 1968    class of 1988    class of 2008  
class of 1978    class of 1998

**College Reunion**



*When*    Saturday 27 October 2:00pm – 5:00pm

*Where*    Tenison Woods Learning Centre  
133 Maidstone Street Altona

Drinks and Light Refreshments will be provided  
Tickets available through [www.tickethost.com.au](http://www.tickethost.com.au)  
Entry is Free of Charge



*Educating Today, Shaping Tomorrow*

This poster was created by a current MSJ student, Teagan LaBrooy Year 11

# Information Morning

## Saturday 4 August

**Notre Dame Campus**  
2-40 Foxwood Drive  
Point Cook  
9.00am - 10.30am

**St Paul's Campus**  
423 Blackshaws Road  
Altona North  
10.30am - 12.00pm



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### ALTONA LIFE SAVING CLUB INFORMATION DAY

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018  
11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Altona Life Saving Club Rooms  
139 The Esplanade  
Altona

For more information visit: [www.altonalsc.com.au](http://www.altonalsc.com.au)

## Father's Day Family Night

**FREE**



**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August**  
**6:00 – 8:00pm**

Bring the family along  
for a great night of fun!

- Make a gift for dad
- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments
- Free gift wrapping



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# **RECRUITING JUNIORS**

**( And their families )**

**Aussie T-Ball ages 5 - 8  
Junior Baseball ages 8 - 17**

**2018 FREE COME & TRY DAYS**

**10am - 12 noon**

**Saturday 18 & 25 Aug  
Greenwich Reserve**

The Strand, Newport

**Sunday 2 Sep (Father's Day)  
Melbourne Ballpark**

Merton Street, Laverton

**BBQ AND DRINKS TO FOLLOW**

**For more information or to  
get involved, contact the club.**

[williamstown.baseball.com.au](http://williamstown.baseball.com.au)  
[juniors.wbc@gmail.com](mailto:juniors.wbc@gmail.com) (Sarah)  
0419 750 916 (Ray)



### 9th August

1 pm to 3 pm

#### Friends of the Garden

Be part of the new Garden initiative



### 22nd August

7.30 pm to 8.30 pm

#### Reading Circle

Text: Field of Compassion; How the New  
Cosmology is Transforming Spiritual Life.

Cost: Donation \$5



### 23rd August

1.30 to 3 p.m. and

7.30 to 9 p.m.

#### Listening to the Heartbeat of Those Desiring Recognition and Treaty.

Given the Government's response to the  
Uluru Statement, what can we do as  
church to endorse the statement and  
to implement it within our church  
structures.



**RSVP 2 days prior to any session would be appreciated**