

# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2018

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### Dear Parents

It has come to our attention that some children are wearing watches at school which are now capable of taking photos and videos. These are **NOT PERMITTED** to be brought to school, hopefully for obvious reasons. Thank you for your co-operation.

### LETTER FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS:

Attached to this newsletter email is a link to a Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis.  
Also attached to this newsletter email is a link to our new Archbishop Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli's response to His Holiness Pope Francis' letter.

### CONGRATULATIONS:

Jacob Yacono who was a member of the gold medal Victorian hockey team at the recent National Championships.

Jett Porter who was a member of the silver medal Victorian ice hockey team at the recent National Championships.

Ciara O'Connor who placed second at the recent Victorian ski/snow board State Championships and will now represent Victoria at the National Championships. Well Done Jacob, Jett & Ciara!

### INSIGHT SRC SURVEYS:

A reminder that the online surveys close today, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Paper copies can be returned to school in the sealed envelope supplied **NO LATER than Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August**. Thank you to those parents that have already completed the surveys. Your participation was greatly appreciated.

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY:

Our Monday School Assembly is now commencing slightly earlier, 2.25 pm. rather than 2.35 pm. due to us singing the National Anthem inside the hall.

### FOOTY TIPPING:

This is the last round. We have 5 people within 3 of the lead. Good Luck!

### LONG SERVICE LEAVE:

From next Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August until the 15<sup>th</sup> October (Beginning of week two of term four), I will be away on Long Service Leave. Margaret Masseni will be Acting Principal during this time.

### SCHOOL FEES:

Current School Fee Statements will be sent home on Tuesday. Any parents experiencing difficulty in paying please contact the school office to make a confidential appointment to meet with me next week or the week beginning the 15<sup>th</sup> October when I have returned from Long Service Leave.

### PRAYERS:

Please keep Ms Alyce McConnell (Year 3/4M Class Teacher) and her fiancé Mr Michael Myszka and their families in your prayers as Michael's father passed away suddenly last Sunday.

**NO SCHOOL NEXT MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST. SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY.**

David Kelly  
Principal

## FATHER'S DAY MASS:

We will be celebrating Father's Day with our upcoming Parish / School Father's Day Mass on Sunday 2nd September at 10.30 am. All welcome



## YELLOW DAY - SPRING INTO HAPPINESS AND KINDNESS: MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

To celebrate the beginning of SPRING we are once again running our SPRING INTO HAPPINESS AND KINDNESS day. YELLOW is the colour we've chosen for the day and we would like everyone to wear a 'SPLASH' with their uniform. As we know doing small 'kindnesses' for others not only lifts their spirits, but also our own.

Keep in mind the quote from Mary MacKillop to guide you along the way: "FIND HAPPINESS IN MAKING OTHERS HAPPY!" St. Mary MacKillop - 1899

We are asking everyone to think about how they can Spring into Happiness & Kindness and how they can help others to do the same right through September.

What actions can you do to spread some HAPPINESS AND KINDNESS around amongst family, friends and the wider community?



## SUNSMART

It is time to get the hats out again in line with our SunSmart policy, which requires our students to wear their hats from the beginning of September (Monday 3rd September) to the end of April.

Check out the SunSmart link on our website for the latest weather and sun protection information.



## FOOTY FUN DAY – 14TH SEPTEMBER

Wear your footy colours, face painting before school (50 cents), Subway Lunch - Order forms were sent home this week ([click here](#) if you missed your copy) and are due back on 7th Sept, competitions and giveaways....join in the fun!



**Congratulations to our July Aussie of the Month students - Olivia C (5/6H), Jack C (3/4HK) & Ava S (Prep D).**

[Click here](#) to see their smiling faces on our school website

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### Father's Day Invitation

A special invitation for all St. Mary's families to attend our Parish celebration of Father's Day on Sunday 2nd September at 10.30am. A wonderful way to start the day and say thank you to all our Dads/Granddads/Uncles etc and to remember and pray for all Fathers who may be sick or who have gone before us to rest in God's care. So, let's gather as a parish community and say thank you to the wonderful men in our lives.



*"Do all you can to assist  
and love one another."  
1890*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

\* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.



### Weekly Class Mass:

**On Friday 31st August Year 3/4HK**

**will be attending the 9:15am parish mass.**

**Family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.**

## TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 27th August 2018

Monday:

Tuesday:

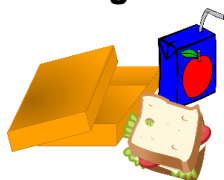
Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

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Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799





## Uniform Shop: Open Mondays 8.30-9.00am and Wednesdays 2.30-3.00pm

Uniforms can be ordered via email, [stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com). Simply use the description on the form adding size and quantity.

### Prep's starting next year:

If you have a prep starting at the school in 2019, the uniform measuring and ordering day will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September between 9.00 and 12.00 pm. If you only require a partial order, please place your order on or before the 13<sup>th</sup> September to assure availability.

### FATHERS DAY STALL – HELP NEEDED!



The Father's Day Wrap will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 1.30 pm and the Fathers' Day Stall will be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August between 9.00 – 11.00 am in the school hall. If you are able to help please see Helen McAvoy, or complete the google form available through the link with this newsletter email. We will need a number of helpers at the stall and would love to see you there!



### PARENTS AND FRIENDS - FOTOFUNDRAISER

A fun-filled family portrait session with local photographer, and St Mary's mum, Samantha Georgiadis. Check out Sam's Instagram account @GeorgiaGrafika for an example of her no fuss, candid style. Photoshoot session including 2 high resolution digital images of your choice and a proof sheet of all images, should you wish to order more. Cost is \$35 per family. Spots are limited so book quickly. Digital images make great Christmas cards, gifts for grandparents or family. Use them as screen savers, post on social media or email to friends and family far away. Get in quick – limited spots available. To book your session email: [merilynfisher@optusnet.com.au](mailto:merilynfisher@optusnet.com.au)



### PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018

PREP D	Charlotte S for her improved effort in finishing tasks on time Jeremee L for the effort he puts into his writing pieces
PREP S	Gracie-Ella A for settling in so well at St Mary's Ezekiel-John C for working hard to segment words
YEAR 1/2G	William S for working hard to complete all set tasks Sienna M for working hard and striving to achieve her best
YEAR 1/2K	Ivan D for working hard during Chitter Chatter Chant Georgia M for her great effort during writing
YEAR 1/2D	Nathan T for frequently lending a helping hand during class times Isabella M for working cooperatively to design a board game for procedural writing
YEAR 1/2S	Minh-Phi T for writing very imaginative narratives Ethan P for his fantastic effort when reading
YEAR 3/4M	Astin K for his terrific monitoring and clarifying skills in Reading Jamison L for his terrific work identifying parts of speech
YEAR 3/4HK	Jai L for always working hard to improve his skills in all areas Dominic C for trying hard to improve his writing skills
YEAR 3/4V	Jacob B for working hard during reading sessions Lexi R for reading aloud to her class group confidently and fluently
YEAR 5/6C	Sofia B for a high level of interest and outstanding commitment to reading sessions Rachel C for immersing herself and collaborating effectively in her reading group
YEAR 5/6L	Hannah E for trying to include more "world" connections in her Reading responses Eleanor B for her fantastic note taking during our whole class reading
YEAR 5/6H	Gab M for making great progress in writing detailed reading responses to our class novel Lily S for applying herself during reading sessions, taking notes and writing reading responses



## Is Coming



## Altona Sports Centre

## Boys and girls .... Would you like to Learn Basketball...

### 5-10 year old Girls & Boys

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have Fun Introduction to Basketball</li> <li>- A Chance to Develop Ball Skills.</li> <li>- A chance for parents to learn about the game.</li> <li>- But most of all, its about having <b>FUN</b>.</li> <li>- Each Child receives a Basketball.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b><u>When</u></b> Friday afternoon, – 4.15 to 5.00pm</li> <li>o <b><u>Where</u></b> Altona Sports Centre<br/>1 Andrew Park Drive , A/M<br/>Melways 208 K1.</li> <li>o <b><u>Duration</u></b> Eight Weekly sessions of 45 minutes.</li> <li>o <b><u>Cost</u></b> \$60.00 per participant.</li> <li>o <b><u>Includes</u></b> Coaching, plus a Basketball for each participant.</li> <li>o <b><u>Commences</u></b> <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018.</b></li> </ul> | <p><b>5-10 year old girls &amp; boys</b></p> |
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**Registration MUST be made on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018 between 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm. to reserve a place. For further info, contact Altona Sports Centre on 9360 9288**

CELEBRATING  
150 YEARS

ST MICHAEL'S  
CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL  
HILLBOURNE

PLEASE JOIN US:  
SUNDAY,  
16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

10.15AM MASS  
11.00AM – 2.00PM  
OPEN SCHOOL & ACTIVITIES

For more information, please contact  
principal@smhmelbourne.catholic.edu.au or call 9329 9206.

# 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

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book ask one of our team in-store or visit [www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au)

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**"Coin Toss"**

**Major raffle prize:  
2 nights at  
The Cooma warra  
Farm Resort  
for up to 6 people**

**Courtesy  
Bus !!**

**Saturday 27 October  
7pm - midnight  
Koorringal Golf Club**

**Early Bird tickets \$30pp Book by Sept 20**  
**Regular price \$35pp**

**Bookings thru [www.trybooking.com/SLIK](http://www.trybooking.com/SLIK)**  
**Gourmet finger food included**

**Theme: Famous People - cartoons, musicians, movie....**

**HOLESHOT**  
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**Sean Dean**  
THE DJ

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