

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No.26 25th August, 20



YELLOW DAY - SPRING INTO HAPPINESS AND KINDNESS:

FRIDAY 1st 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?



Friday 1st Sept 2017

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 to the end of April.

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

FATHER'S DAY MASS:

Our Annual Parish/School Father's Day Mass is on Sunday week, 3rd September. Traditionally we have had one or two dads speak on their experiences of being a dad. We are still looking for volunteers. Please contact either myself or Olive Chodowski if you are able to assist us. It's not as difficult as you might think and feedback from dads who have been involved previously have said it was extremely rewarding.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS:

Sixty randomly selected parents will have received an envelope containing instructions and the survey yesterday. The online version is open until Friday 8th September. The paper version needs to be returned to the school office, sealed in the supplied envelope, also by Friday 8th September. Participation in this survey, while strongly encouraged, is completely voluntary. If you receive a survey and you do not wish to participate please return it to school and we can offer it to another family. For more information about these surveys please read last week's newsletter or contact me directly. Thank you in advance for your participation.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Unfortunately no one correctly selected all 9 winners last round so the Jackpot this round is \$15.00. Good Luck!

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

Wednesday 6th September - School Closure Day.

Wednesday 13th September - Parent Information Night on Restorative Process. More info to follow.

I will be away next Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at the Western Zone Principal Conference. Mrs Margaret Masseni will be Acting Principal during this time.

**David Kelly,
Principal.**

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 3rd 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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



Weekly Class Mass:

On Friday 1st Sept Year 3/4HK will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.



"Let us thank God we are as we are." 1874



Camino -2017 www.youtube.com. Hear from some of our Camino 2017 participants about how their 500km trek helped them in their own discernment. Your support of this initiative is greatly appreciated and especially the financial support from some of the parishioners at St. Mary's Altona. You will see in the documentary, it was our pilgrims great honour to pray for you and your intentions along the way, as well as praying for an increase in vocations across the Archdiocese.

Befriending Anxiety – Joseph's Corner warmly welcome you to "Befriending Anxiety". As a participant in this confidential group program, you will be in a safe space to: *Learn to work with your anxiety; Learn how to make it be your friend; Learn strategies for knowing and managing your own challenges*, all while helping others to do the same!

Venue: Joseph's Corner, Cnr. Campbell & Bellin Sts. Laverton (9315 2680); **Days:** Every Thursday for 4 weeks, 31st August to 21st September;

Time: 10am to 12pm; **Cost** No cost but a gold coin donation would be appreciated. Tea & Coffee provided. counselling@josephscorner.org.au

Today the Catholic Church in Australia observes **Migrant Refugee Sunday**. Migrants leave their homes in search of a better life and face the difficult experience of migration in its various forms. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, is "*Child Migrants, the vulnerable & the voiceless*". As Christians, we are called to reach out to and pray for all migrants to emphasise the unity of the human family and the Gospel values of acceptance, hospitality and love of neighbour.

Altona/Laverton Council of Churches – Refugee Ration Meal. 6pm, Friday 13 October 2017 at St. Mary's School Hall, Altona. **SHARE** a meal based on typical rations available in a refugee camp. **HEAR** the stories of refugees from recent times and from a generation ago, who have now made their home in Australia. **SUPPORT** the work of 'Act for Peace' in providing for refugees in need today. Everyone is welcome! No charge – donations will be invited to support 'Act for Peace' programs for refugees. An attendance form will be placed in the Narthex in the next couple of weeks for you to indicate your attendance.



WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL

Due to the poor weather on Monday 21st August, we decided to collect our Walk / Ride to School data next Monday 28th August. Come along in an active way. Let's hope the sun is shining!



PRINCIPALS AWARDS 21st August, 2017

PREP D	Rafael F for the great effort he is putting into all his work.
PREP S	James S for his great reading.
YEAR 1/ 2HT	Xavier A for his great work on telling the time on analogue and digital clocks.
YEAR 1/ 2S	Allegra D for her great effort when editing her writing.
YEAR 1/ 2N	Finian M for his being supportive when a friend was in need.
YEAR 1/2G	Segolene H for trying her best in improving her handwriting.
YEAR 3/4M	Lachlan M for persisting with challenging coding tasks when using Scratch.
YEAR 3/4HK	Jett P for applying himself well to his work.
YEAR 3/4V	Gabriel A for trying hard to implement spelling strategies when spelling unfamiliar words.
YEAR 5/6C	Mackenzie P for developing a very good responsible attitude to all her learning.
YEAR 5/6L	Kane S for his eager contributions to class discussions.
YEAR 5/6K	Aiden V for consistently displaying a positive attitude during maths lessons.

REMINDER:

Please access the Absentee Note link on the website to notify us of children's absence.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 28th August, 2017



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

FATHERS DAY STALL – HELP NEEDED!

Father's Day Wrap will be held on **Thursday 31st August** from 1.30 pm and the Fathers' Day Stall will be held on **Friday 1st September** 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.

Need stall helpers!



NEWPORT RAMS Baseball Club: Sunday 27th August & Sunday 10th September – 9.30am to 11.30am
Come and Try Tee-ball and Baseball Boys & girls any skill level ages 4 to 17 Yrs
Park Crescent, Williamstown North Call – Shane 0413 368 9936

SEPTEMBER SESSION 2017 Mini "Gator"

Basketball Is Coming

Would you like to Learn Basketball?

Ages 5-10 year old Girls & Boys

When Friday afternoon, – 4.15 to 5pm

Where Altona Sports Centre, Queen St, Altona

Duration Eight Weekly sessions of 45minutes.

Cost \$60.00 per participant.

Includes Coaching, plus a Basketball for each participant.

Commences Friday 22nd SEPTEMBER 2017.

For further info, contact Altona Sports Centre on 9360-9288



Meadows Melways 208 K1.



UNIFORM SHOP

Mon: 8:30am - 9:00am

Wed: 2:30pm - 3:00pm

stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com

BSB:063101 ACCO NO: 10121085

If you are unable to visit the Shop, you can complete and scan an order directly to them or you can simply write a clear list of your requirements including size etc. Always include the name of your eldest child, their class, your contact details and the method of payment you have used. Payment can be made by direct bank transfer or cash or cheque left at the School Office in a clearly marked envelope.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM September School Holiday Program at Early Learners.

We are offering the following:

- School aged children up to 8 years of age to participate in the Holiday program
- External incursions (please see the attached holiday program)
- Fee payments are required in advance. These will include Centrelink benefits/rebates, if eligible)

Early Learners Team

272 Millers Road, Altona North, 3025.

P: 03 9391 0101 / 03 8582 4300 F: 03 9398 0644

Monday 25 th of September	Tuesday 26 th of September	Wednesday 27 th of September	Thursday 28 th of September	Friday 29 th of September
<p>Tim the Magician!</p> <p>Are you ready to meet Tim! Get ready for an afternoon filled with lots of laugh, fun and interactive comedy performances offered by Tim! We hope you are all as excited as we are to see the wonderful tricks Tim has up his sleeves!</p> 	<p>Science day</p> <p>The children have been taking a massive interest in exploring different science experiments. Today we will be discussing and learning about science! We will also be doing an experiment!! So, get ready for a fun filled day of learning</p> 	<p>Movie & Pj Day!</p> <p>Come to kinder in your pj's! We will be exploring different types of movies, from old to new and we will be watching one of our favourite movies, chosen by the children! Get ready to sit back, relax and enjoy a fun filled day in your pj's!</p> 	<p>Happy Feet?</p> <p>Are you ready to get your dancing feet on and continue to learn valuable health and fitness tips through interactive performances, music, games and magic tricks!</p> 	<p>AFL Grand Final Public Holiday</p> <p>Early Learners will be closed</p>
Monday 2 nd of October	Tuesday 3 rd of October	Wednesday 4 th of October	Thursday 5 th of October	Friday 6 th of October
<p>AFROBEATS?</p> <p>Are you ready to drum the day away? Afrobeat's is a fun, engaging, engaging, inclusive and entertaining program that allows for all abilities experience success. Afrobeats captures the imagination of its young audiences while inspiring cultural awareness, diversity, team spirit and connection through African drumming.</p> 	<p>Construction Day!</p> <p>Do you love making things out of boxes? Today is your day to be as creative and innovative as you can again! The children had such a great time designing, constructing and making things out of recycled materials.</p> 	<p>Wednesday 4th of October</p> <p>Dress up as your favourite book character and bring in your favourite book</p> <p>The children will get the opportunity to discuss and share their favourite stories in front of their class. We will be reading the children's favourite stories throughout the day! We will also be doing face painting for the children who would like to get their face painted!</p> 	<p>Animals of Oz</p> <p>Are you ready to meet our Australian animal friends?! Animal of Oz are bringing in a range of native animals for all the children to watch, touch, smell and appreciate! Are you excited? We sure are!</p> 	<p>Art Day</p> <p>The children have been learning about different artists and exploring with different art mediums. Today the children will get the opportunity to be as creative as they can be!</p> 



Come to kinder!

You are invited to Somers Parade Kindergarten

OPEN DAY

Saturday 9 September 11am -2pm

Free sausage sizzle, face painting & games





Our teachers will be here to answer your questions.

We are small and nurturing to help your child transition from home to formal schooling. We take the time to build a strong foundation for learning.

We have an outdoor garden with lots of play equipment, a water garden, a wall mosaic done by the children, chickens, mud pit, sand pit, a campfire gathering place and we regularly head up the road for bush kinder.

Our committed staff have Bachelor training and we are rated as **EXCEEDING** in all the National Quality Standards.

Proud to be operating for over 50 years!



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NAT. QUAL. STAND. & BENCHMARK

OFFERING:

Enrolments for 3 year olds (apply at the kinder)

Enrolments for 4 year olds (apply through Council, after your child turns 2)

Government funding for 15 hours a week



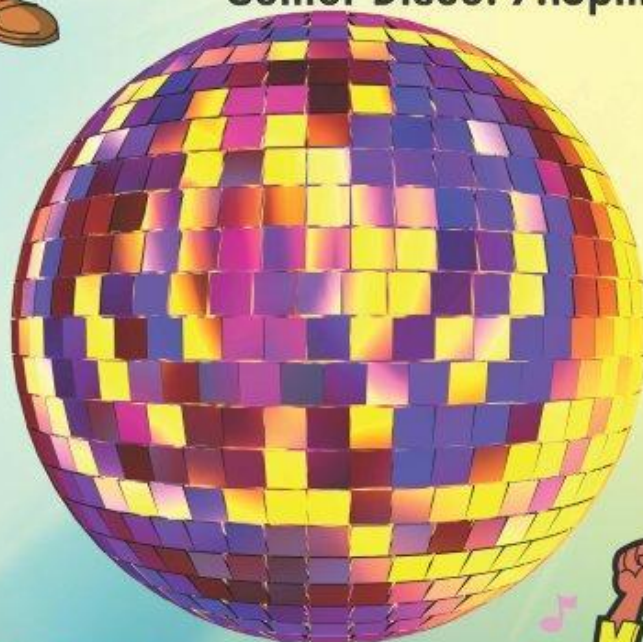
2017 ST MARY'S KIDS DISCO



Thursday 21st September

Junior Disco: 5.30pm-6.45pm

Senior Disco: 7.15pm-9pm



TICKETS \$6
FOR TICKETS GO TO

<https://www.trybooking.com/RBLB>

**GLOW WEAR WILL BE AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT**

Come dressed as your favourite pop or
musical star.

Games and prizes on the night.
Place your favourite song in the song
suggestion box near the front office.

