



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No.28 8th September, 2017

Thank you to those parents that have completed the Insight SRC Survey (37 out of 60). The online option closes today but you could still complete the paper version and return it to school in the sealed envelope supplied first thing Monday morning.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

On Wednesday 13th September, we will be holding a parent information session from 7 - 8.30pm in the TRI centre. This informative and educational session is designed to **support parents** as they help their children become more **resilient in riding the waves of peer relationships, managing conflicts and their own emotions**. It explores **supporting children** through the different **developmental stages** on social problem solving, managing conflict for positive resolutions, resilience and wellbeing.

Facilitator Therese Sheedy is a **nationally registered psychologist** who **is passionate about working with schools and families**.

Therese ran a session at our school two years ago and the parents who attended spoke very highly of her.

Child minding will be available.

For more information contact Marg Masseni mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au or go to your Care Monkey profile.

OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

On Monday 18th September we are holding a Parent / Teacher Contact Afternoon from 3.15 pm. to 5.00 pm. It is an opportunity for parents to meet with classroom teachers to discuss issues related to their child and their learning.

*****Please note: Interviews for Year 1/2HT will be held on Thursday 21st September with Rowena Talbot.**

All parents DO NOT have to attend this meeting, only those who have a concern.

Teachers wishing to see parents regarding their child's learning will contact parents to arrange a time on this afternoon. Parents will need to make a booking online for all appointments. Go to our school website for a direct link. Click on Interviews or go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the simple instructions.

The SCHOOL EVENT CODE is: 4e374

Bookings are now open and will close on Friday 15th September.

SCHOOL FEES:

School Fees for 2017 are due and payable in full by Friday 22nd September.

Fee Statements were sent home yesterday. Credits up to the 31st August have been entered on the statement. If you have any queries on your statement please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Valda Pedley in person, on 9398 4842 or via email bursar@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

If you have contracted to a direct debit plan, your plan will continue until your fees are fully paid, you need take no further action this year.

Thank you to all those families who have been able to finalise their fees. If you are having difficulty with your fees, please contact the school office to make an appointment with myself so that we can work out a mutually agreeable plan.

FOOTY FUN DAY – FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

Wear your footy colours. Face painting before school – 50c. Fun & frivolity in the hall before our Subway lunch. See Recent News on our school website for more information.

David Kelly,
Principal



WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL

Our next Walk / Ride to School day will be on Wednesday 13th September. Come along in an active way. Let's hope the sun is shining!



Uniform Shop: Open Thursdays 2.30-3.00pm

Uniforms 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.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2018 Sacrament Date

Confirmation: Term 1. Friday, 23rd March, 2018 at 7pm.
(The Sponsor must be a baptised Catholic over the age of 16)

May I Live This Day

May I live this day
Compassionate of heart,
Gentle in word,
Gracious in awareness
Courageous in thought,
Generous in love

John O'Donohue

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



" God give me strength
for what is necessary." 1907



Each year the Australian Catholic Church dedicates the Sunday at the end of **Child Protection Week**, as Child Protection Sunday. In 2017 this falls on Sunday 10 September. All Australians are invited to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

Fr. Shabin will be away on Annual Leave from Monday 4th September

Please keep him in your prayers while he is away visiting his family in India. During his absence there will be a number of different priests supplying Masses. On some weekdays, there will be a Communion Service when no priest is available. Communion Services will be indicated under "Mass Times" at the top right of the bulletin. Fr. Denis Stanley will celebrate the 6pm Vigil Mass next Saturday and Fr. Martin Jerimahs, the 8.30am & 10.30am Masses. Please welcome them.

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 by next weekend for you to indicate your attendance.

The next Mass for Family & Youth will be on Sunday 10th September, 2017 at 5pm.

(Fr. Tinh Nguyen) All Welcome



District Athletics Results

Well done to all the students in year 3 to 6 who represented St Mary's at the Altona District Athletics Carnival last Tuesday. It was a fantastic day and great achievement by all who competed at this level. Overall our school finished 6th out of 11 schools. In the small schools trophy we finished 2nd which was a great result. Thank you to the parents who helped out on the day. Without your support we wouldn't have been able to have such a successful day. We have a total of 17 students who made it through to the divisional carnival that will be on Wednesday 13th September at Werribee Athletics Track.

Well done...Mila Fanjek- 200m & Discus, Liam Denys- 200m, 100m & relay, Taj Tanti- Relay, Aiden Vella- Relay, Noah Defina- Relay, Maddie Mickovski- 200m, 100m & relay, Anna Adani- Triple jump, relay, Sienna Tanti- Long jump, relay, Hannah Ealem- Relay, Jacob Yacono- 800m, Lachlan Green- 100m, Long jump, Oliver Jeffery- Triple jump, Shannon Williams- 1500m, Oscar Devetak- 1500m, Jordan Fenton- 800m, Michael Morda- Discus and Zed Didenkowski- Shot put

TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 11th Sept, 2017



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Caroline Cassar

Thursday

Friday Rosemary Ciavarella

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

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.

2017 School Disco....

This event is organised and run by the P & F committee. To make it an enjoyable and most importantly safe night for your children we require lots of help!

Many hands make light work! We really need and appreciate your assistance on the night with set up, manning the door, supervising inside, drink station, first aid, glow wear sales and pack up both for the junior and senior disco.

Please email:

erinmorgan1177@hotmail.com with your availability.

- Set Up (1:45-3:00pm)
- Junior Disco (5:15 – 7:00 pm)
- Senior Disco (7:00 – 9:00 pm)
- Packing Up (9:00 – 9:30 pm)

Working with Child Check: Yes or No

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FAMILY FUN DAY

16 SEPTEMBER 2017 9AM - 12PM

Please come and join us for SOME FAMILY FUN

Early Learners is opening its doors for a day of family fun! Come and see our beautiful centre, meet our educators, learn about our 4 year old funded kindergarten program and most of all have a great time! Tours of our centre will be conducted on the day.

- Coffee van • Jumping castle • Popcorn machine
- Fairy floss machine • Animal farm • Face painting



Early Learners

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