

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents

As part of St. Mary's Annual Arts Spectacular, all the students will be performing in the Arts Spectacular Concert on Wednesday, December 12. The concert will begin at 6pm on the school oval.

The students are very excited about the concert and have been practising very hard. By now, all families have been told of the costumes via Care Monkey and if you have any queries about the costumes please contact your class teacher.

All students will need to arrive at the oval at 5.30pm in their costume. Once on the oval there will be senior students who will be able to guide students to their class groups. The students will remain with their class groups for the whole performance. Families will be able to collect their child after the finale. We will have a large area near the front of the stage sectioned off for picnic rugs and families that want to sit on the grass. Behind them will be an area for you to bring deck chairs and/or access some school chairs. Behind that area will be our BBQs and bar area. These areas can only be accessed once the concert has ended.

Our magnificent ART SHOW displaying the amazing artistic talents of our students will be on display upstairs and downstairs in the TRI Centre. The TRI Centre will open once the concert has concluded.

FAREWELL:

Ms Lisa Vella our current Year 3/4V teacher has informed me she will be leaving St. Mary's at the end of this and has accepted a teaching position for next year at Queen of Peace Primary School, Altona Meadows. Lisa commenced at St. Mary's in 1993. Her contribution to students, staff and parents has been greatly appreciated. We wish Lisa every success in her new appointment. There will be an appropriate acknowledgement and presentation to Lisa at our End of Year School Mass.

Ms Megan Loft our current Year 5/6L teacher has also informed me she will be leaving St. Mary's at the end of this year. Megan plans to travel during 2019. Megan commenced at St. Mary's in 2014. Her contribution to students, staff and parents has also been greatly appreciated. We wish Megan every happiness in the years to come. There will be an appropriate acknowledgement and presentation to Megan at our End of Year School Mass.

WELCOME:

We warmly welcome Mr Matthew Taylor to our staff at St. Mary's in 2019. Matthew is an experienced teacher who has worked at a number of Catholic schools in Melbourne, the most recent being St. George Preca Primary School, Caroline Springs.

We also welcome Ms Karen Aston to our staff in 2019. Karen will work one day a week in a Support Teacher role. Karen is also an experienced teacher who has worked as a Replacement Teacher at our school on a number of occasions.

Thanks for your patience of late as we have been testing our email system. Everything seems to be in order now. However do let us know if you have any issues receiving or reading our newsletters.

David Kelly
Principal



Congratulations to our November Aussie of the Month students....Jamison, Ava and Xavier.

[Click here](#) to see their smiling faces.



Crazy Hair Day!

Date: 14th of December

Hey Parents! No need to force a comb through your child's bedhead hair on Friday 14th December. Its "Crazy Hair Day".

The bigger, the brighter, the better – so go crazy with your look!

This is a fundraising event so please *bring a gold coin donation to show your support. All proceeds raised go to the Leukaemia Foundation.*



HELP NEEDED BY PARENTS AND PAST STUDENTS

On **Friday 14th December** from 9.00 – 11.00am we are taking on the mighty task of **cleaning 300 classroom chairs and 150 tables....**and YES we need help. All cleaning products and materials will be provided.

This annual event is open to all past students who usually have a great time catching up with each other and do a little...sorry lots of cleaning too. We would also welcome parents to come and help with cleaning the tables. If you can assist please contact the School Office or myself via email. Thank you for your help. Marg Masseni - mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 3rd December 2018

PREP D	Lily B for her willingness to give anything a go Ashton R for his extra effort and enthusiasm for all tasks
PREP S	Hayden P for his excellent contributions to class discussions
YEAR 1/2G	Natalie M for having a go at correcting her own writing
YEAR 1/2S	Adam C for being a kind and considerate classmate Liam T for her beautiful manners and loving singing voice
YEAR 1/2K	Thomas Y for his fabulous effort during letter writing Ethan S for his enthusiastic participation during class discussions
YEAR 1/2D	Jayden O for trying hard to be a helpful and kind classmate
YEAR 3/4M	Jessica L for encouraging her group members during all camp activities Jeremy C for his exceptional behaviour at Camp Allambee
YEAR 3/4HK	Charlotte L for her willingness to attempt all activities positively Lucas G for his mature and resilient attitude at Camp Allambee
YEAR 3/4V	Thomas A for displaying persistence and resilience at Camp Allambee Aidan L for his exceptional behaviour at Camp Allambee
YEAR 5/6C	Zed D for his positive classroom participation and confident approach to all learning areas Lucas M for his responsible attitude and dedication to improving his learning skills
YEAR 5/6L	Thomas C for his great effort with public speaking during debating Lachland G for his willingness to help both peers and teachers
YEAR 5/6H	Julie W for her great efforts with writing and presentation of debates Bianca S for her positive classroom attitude and mature approach to learning

TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 10th December 2018

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

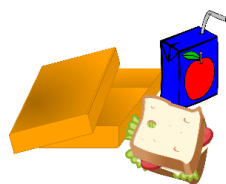
Thursday:

Friday:

Marylinda Abate

Anne Cooper

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WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL & WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Our next Walk/Ride to School day is on Tuesday 11th Dec. Walking School Buses will leave from the Esplanade and also the corner of McIntyre Drive and Civic Pde at 8.20am. These will be supervised by parents. Come along in an active way!

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARISH NATIVITY PLAY



As part of the Christmas Vigil Mass this year, children will re-enact the Gospel Story. Some of the children will also be asked to participate in the readings and offertory procession. The Vigil Mass will commence at 6.30pm on Monday 24th December.

Rehearsals will take place on Sun 2nd, 9th & 16th Dec from 11.30am to 12.30pm in the Church.

Permission forms are available from the School Office.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2019 Sacrament Dates

CONFIRMATION

TERM ONE:

Rite of Commitment Masses: (Four masses to select from)

Saturday 2nd March: 9.15am & 6pm

Sunday 3rd March: 8.30am & 10.30am

Confirmation Family Workshop: (Two sessions to select from)

Tuesday 5th March 5pm & 7pm – with Michele Linossier.

TERM TWO: (Week One)

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

- Friday 26th April, 2019 at 7pm – Bishop Mark Edwards

(The Sponsor must be a baptised Catholic over the age of 16)

RECONCILIATION

TERM TWO:

Rite of Commitment Masses: (Four masses to select from)

Saturday 4th May: 9.15am & 6pm

Sunday 5th May: 8.30am & 10.30am

Reconciliation Family Workshop:

Wednesday 29th May - 7pm – with Maria Forde.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Individual Reconciliation. Appointments to be made with Archpriest Michael for the month of JUNE 2019.

EUCCHARIST

TERM THREE:

Eucharist Family Workshop: (Two sessions to select from)

Wednesday 17th July 5pm & 7pm – with Michele Linossier.

Shared Meal: Tuesday 6th August 6pm – in School Hall

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST:

Saturday 10th August – 6pm

&

Saturday 17th August – 6pm

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

All families and friends are invited to celebrate the Advent Liturgies with their children in the coming weeks:

Week 3: 5/6H & 5/6C – Friday 14th December at 1pm

Week 4: 3/4V & 3/4HK – Monday 17th December at 12.50pm

Social Justice News

During Advent opportunities

For works of abound!!

Each classroom and the staffroom have a basket to fill as a Christmas Hamper for St Vincent de Paul, Altona & Joseph's Corner, Yarraville.

Please make an effort to send something along with your child for the hamper.

THANK YOU.

Ciara and Anthony - Social Justice Leaders

Weekly Class Mass:

On Friday 14th December, 3/4V will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. All family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.





Bookings are now open for Camp Australia's latest school holiday programs – **STEAM Works**. Based on STEAM learning – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math – it will be full of activities that have fun learning outcomes.

Some of our brand new activities include making a mini soccer table, cool science experiments, solar powered cars, putting on a show with shadow puppets, excursions, and heaps more.



Book now. To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and join in the fun, visit: www.campaustalia.com.au/holidayclubs.

Or you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We look forward to seeing you and your family during the school holidays.

The Camp Australia Team

