

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents

All school families are invited to join us for our Beginning of School Year Mass & BBQ next Thursday, 1st March commencing at 6.00 pm. Our new Preps will sing a special Reflection song after communion. All families and friends are then invited to join Fr. Michael Kalka and school staff in the school grounds for a BBQ and drinks. The Parents & Friends are organising this but they would appreciate "YOUR ASSISTANCE". A note has gone out on Care Monkey to all parents. If you have some time to spare the P & F would certainly appreciate it if you could reply via CareMonkey. Thank you in anticipation for your assistance and I look forward to seeing you on the night.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE:

Liz Whitehouse our long time Out of School Hours Care Co-ordinator is taking some well deserved personal leave from now until the end of term two. I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Liz for the outstanding job she has done managing our OSHC over such a long period of time. Camp Australia have appointed Surabhi Sharma as the co-ordinator while Liz is away on leave. Zoe Mason and Grace Langshaw will continue on assisting Surabhi settle in.

PREP & YEAR 6 BUDDY FAMILY NIGHT:

Prep and Year 6 families please mark this date in your diary. **Friday 16th March 6.00 - 8.00 pm.** You will receive a personalised invitation next week with further details. It is a great night and I look forward to seeing you there.

CAREMONKEY:

We have sent out a number of forms through CareMonkey since the beginning of the school year. We are still waiting for a number of families to respond. We request that you please check your CareMonkey account and respond to any forms that require a response.

SPAM:

It has come to our attention that many CareMonkey and school emails are arriving in people's SPAM folders. We are aware of the issue and are working to find a solution. In the meantime can we ask that you check your SPAM folders and if you find any CareMonkey or school emails in there, simply mark them as 'NOT SPAM'. We hope that this will help you receive all important emails to your inbox.

STUDENT ABSENCES:

The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria is requiring Catholic Schools to notify parents of 'Unknown' student absences. Beginning Term 2, an unknown student absence will be followed by an email to parents requiring a reason for the student absence. With this in mind, it is vital that you fill in the online 'Absentee Form' by 8.30am on the day of the student absence. The form is available on our school website (www.smaltona.catholic.edu.au) as well as through our school 'Update-ed' App. We thank you for your help in ensuring all students enrolled in our school are accounted for.

SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD:

The first meeting for the School Education Board will be held on Tuesday 6th March in the school staffroom commencing at 7.30 pm.



ONE DAY ONLY BOOK FAIR:

As part of a new reading rewards program St Mary's is starting a program called Star Reader, we are having a ONE DAY ONLY Book Fair on Monday 26th February.

It will be held in the school hall starting straight after assembly and finishing at 4pm. This is a great opportunity to see some of this year's new books and encourage our kids to be reading. Our school library and literacy areas will also benefit from a percentage of the total sales.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

We had a fantastic meeting last Wednesday evening. Marilyn, as president, happily welcomed seven new parents to the meeting. First and second term functions were discussed and organised with more specific information to follow. The P & F are running the BBQ at Bunnings this Saturday. They would love you to pop in and buy a sausage and a drink.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT RESULTS:

Round One: Away against Sacred Heart, Newport

Basketball	girls	lost	24 – 22
	mixed	lost	39 – 02
Volleyball	girls	won	both sets
	mixed	lost	both sets
Softball	girls	win	5 – 9
	mixed	win	2 -12
Hotshots	girls	win	0 – 11
	mixed	Lost	8 - 3



COLES: Double Vouchers Weekend

Friday 23rd of February to Sunday 25th of February ONLY

Please keep collecting your Sports for Schools Vouchers and send them into the school or place them in our St Mary's box at Coles.

David Kelly
Principal

PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 19TH FEBRUARY 2018

PREP D	Thomas M for his enthusiasm and hard work during all tasks
PREP S	Sam P for eagerly participating in all class activities
YEAR 1/2G	Keira L for her excellent listening skills
YEAR 1/2S	Kade F for his excellent effort to complete all tasks
YEAR 1/2K	Eilidh P for always doing her best work and being a helpful member of our class
YEAR 1/2D	Ashley T for working consistently well during class time and striving to search for nouns during independent reading
YEAR 3/4M	Christos G for being a great team player and listening to others ideas
YEAR 3/4HK	Mia J for her resilience and dedication to all her work
YEAR 3/4V	Thomas A for listening and contributing to class discussions
YEAR 5/6L	Josh Myers for participating enthusiastically while learning about the skeletal system Joel K for being a good buddy to the preps
YEAR 5/6H	Samantha K for writing a thoughtful response about friendship

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2018 Sacrament Dates

TERM ONE:

Confirmation: – Rite of Acceptance Masses weekend:

Saturday 24th Feb-6pm OR Sunday 25th Feb 10.30am

Confirmation: - Family Workshop: Wednesday 7th March. School Hall: 7pm

Confirmation: - Friday, 23rd March, at 7pm

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

"Gratitude is the
Memory of the heart."

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- * Our Year Six Confirmation candidates as they begin their preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



For all who dedicate themselves to work for a better world, that this week's International Day of Social Justice (20th February) will renew their determination and give them fresh heart, let us pray to the Lord. Amen

Weekly Class Mass

On Friday 2nd March Year 3/4M will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to sit with, celebrate and join the children in prayer.

PARISH NEWS

Thank you for your warm welcome as I settle into my new home. It is very much appreciated. I look forward to being able to pray with you, and to be of assistance to you, in the years that lie ahead. May our good God guide us all! Archpriest Michael

Please note the following:

- a) There will be no change to the weekday Mass timetable, but I will need to make one change to our weekend timetable: the monthly 5pm Mass will no longer continue.
- b) I am happy to accept an invitation to join you for a meal at your home. I will be available on a Wednesday evening from 6pm. Please ring the Parish Secretary if you would like me to meet with you and your family.

World Day of Prayer – March 2018.

All God's Creation is Very Good! All parishioners are invited to attend the World day of Prayer Service on Friday 2nd March at 2pm (Service & afternoon Tea) at St. Eanswythe's Anglican Church, Queen Street, Altona.

Stations of the Cross will take place in the Church and will alternate each week between 9:45am & 7pm. The next Stations of the Cross will be on Friday 2nd March at 7pm.

Members of any **Parish Committee** or Group are invited to a Meeting on Tuesday 27th February, 2018 in the Narthex at 7.30pm for an opportunity to meet with Archpriest Michael over a cuppa. So, if you are a member of any group, or if you would just like to take this opportunity to meet Archpriest Michael, you are most welcome to attend this meeting. Hope to see you there!

People Come First – A Parish Reflection on the Pastoral Theology of Pope Francis. Conducted by Br Mark O'Connor FMS. M. Theol., M. Phil. at Mary Help of Christians Parish (Narthex) on Tuesday, March 13th at 7.30pm. The reflection will explore some of the key pastoral themes of Pope Francis.

Altona Alive Youth Group –

Members of this group are invited to a meeting with Archpriest Michael Kalka in the Narthex on Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there.



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Rosemary Ciavarella

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

New Tuckshop list and prices are on school website - Please take note of the new prices**UNIFORM SHOP**

In 2018 the uniform shop will be open:
Monday 8.30-9am and Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm.

We are turning our attention to winter uniforms. To ensure that we can order in a timely manner for Term Two, please visit the shop to order your winter uniform. For those that are unable to make it to the shop, the order forms are available on the School Website, News, Notes & Forms. These can be sent through to stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com. Payment can be made via direct deposit or cash in an envelope dropped off to the school office. Uniforms once ordered and paid for will be sent home in your child's school bag. If the sizes are not correct, and the labels are still attached, return them to the office with a note and contact number, and we will endeavour to correct it for you.

**LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

Dear Parents, please be informed that **ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES** will take place at Lumen Christi Primary School, 260 Point Cook Rd, Point Cook starting on Saturday 17th February 2018 and will run for **2.5 hours** from 1.30-4.00pm. Students from Grade Prep to Year 12 are welcome. The Tuition Fee for the year is \$200.00 per student. Our teaching includes the Strands of Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking and an appreciation of the Italian Culture. If you wish your son/daughter to attend these classes, please phone 9898-4707 for further information.

PAY LESS FOR AFTER SCHOOL CARE**Are You Maximising Your Government Rebates for Outside of School Hours' Care?**

If not, you could be paying more than you should. With Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) you could save 50% off the price of after school care.

How do I find out if I am eligible?

For more information on Government rebates, how to locate your family Customer Reference Numbers (CRN) and how to claim, please call the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50.

You can link your CRN's to your Camp Australia account via the Parent Portal, alternatively you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343.

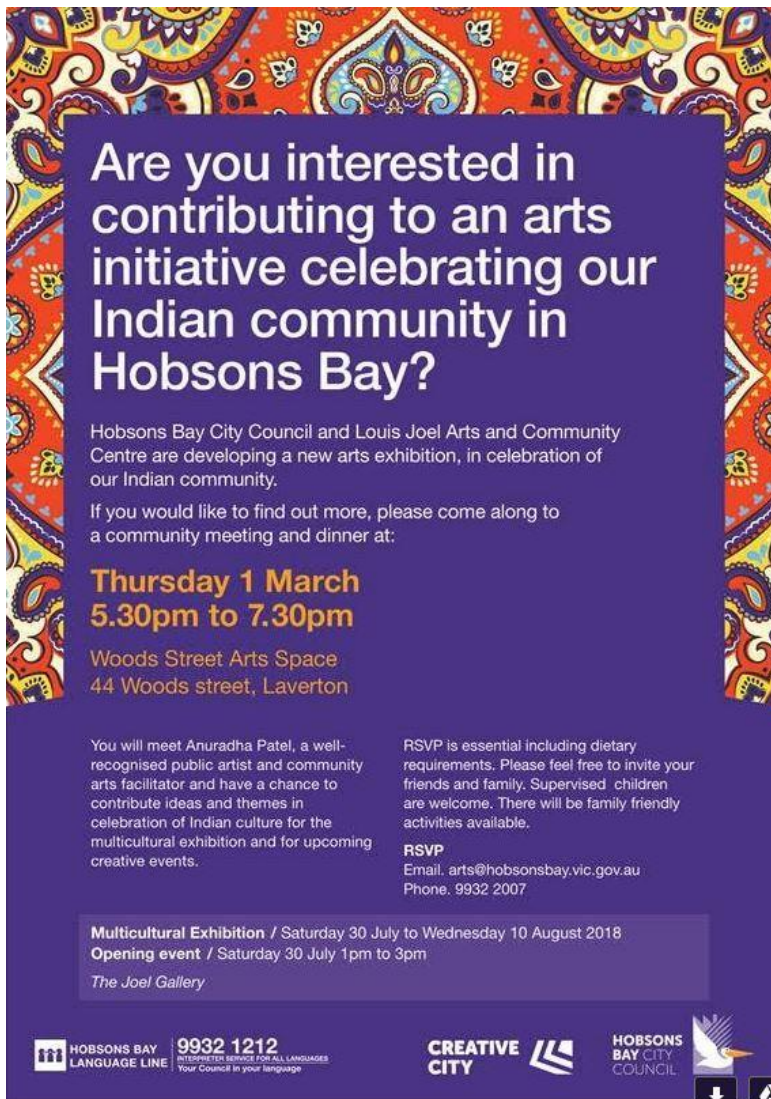
For information about our program and to book visit www.campastralia.com.au or stop by and visit us in the program and see for yourself how we make kids smile.

From the Team at Camp Australia



* Out of pocket expenses to be used as a guide only as rebates are based on individual circumstances and are subject to change. For a full listing of program details and fees for the service, please visit our website.





Are you interested in contributing to an arts initiative celebrating our Indian community in Hobsons Bay?

Hobsons Bay City Council and Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre are developing a new arts exhibition, in celebration of our Indian community.

If you would like to find out more, please come along to a community meeting and dinner at:

Thursday 1 March
5.30pm to 7.30pm


Woods Street Arts Space
44 Woods street, Laverton


You will meet Anuradha Patel, a well-recognised public artist and community arts facilitator and have a chance to contribute ideas and themes in celebration of Indian culture for the multicultural exhibition and for upcoming creative events.


RSVP is essential including dietary requirements. Please feel free to invite your friends and family. Supervised children are welcome. There will be family friendly activities available.

RSVP
Email. arts@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
Phone. 9932 2007

Multicultural Exhibition / Saturday 30 July to Wednesday 10 August 2018
Opening event / Saturday 30 July 1pm to 3pm
The Joel Gallery

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Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard here at St Mary's Altona.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2018.

Interested parents should call Fiona during office hours on 9818 2333 or email fiona@creativemusic.com.au

 **Creative Music**
www.creativemusic.com.au



Mount St Joseph Girls' College

Open Morning
Thursday 15 March 2018
9.15am – 10.30am

Limited places available for **2018** and **2019**

Year 7, 2020 Enrolment Applications due 3 August 2018

Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the school on 8398 2000 or emailing the College Registrar, Sherri Collins at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au



16 Esplanade Williamstown



What's on in March

Thurs 1st March

10am-midday

Let's Be Crafty

A mixture of teaching new skills & craft

Thurs 1st March

7.30-8.30pm

The Joy of the Gospel during Lent

(and *every* Thursday till March 22nd)

Lectio Divina type prayer. Praying with **Lenten** scripture passages



3rd & 4th March

10am-4pm

Live Out Retreat with Sr Moya Unthank rsj

A Quiet Heart in a Busy Life

A time to relax and experience some ways which help to live the 'busyness' of life with more gentleness and peace.

Cost: \$150



Thurs 8th March

1 pm till 3 pm

Friends of the Garden

Be part of the new Garden initiative

Wed 14th March

7.30-8.30pm

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

Join this group to explore this essential text to deepen your understanding of the interconnectedness of our lives with the mystery of the cosmos. The group will meet once a month: 14th March, 18th April, 23rd May, 13th June, 22nd August, 19th September, 24th October & 21st November.

Attendance at all sessions recommended.

Donation per session: \$5.



RSVP 2 days prior to any session would be appreciated

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