



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents

No. 5 3rd March 2017

Thank you to the parents that joined Marg M and myself on our "Welcome Walks" last week. We had twenty parents wander around the school grounds writing down things that: looked really good or could be improved, or could be changed. Our Junior School Council members also did a 'walk' around the school. We have kept all of the lists and our School Leadership Team will work its way through the lists. One of the suggestions from a parent was to have a ramp into the main front door of the school. This work was completed this morning (Thanks Tony). Keep your eyes open and see if you can notice as other changes take place.

REMINDER

I have been asked by some parents to put out a general reminder about dogs on the school premises. For the safety and wellbeing of everyone (including the dogs), dogs must be on a leash controlled by an adult at all times in the school grounds. Children can walk their dog's home or to the car but only once they are outside the school gates. This applies to all dogs irrespective of how placid they are. Thank you for your co-operation.

PREP & YEAR 6 BUDDY FAMILY NIGHT:

Tonight from 6.00 - 8.00 pm. BYO food and picnic rug or grab a table and chairs from the hall. The P & F will be selling beer, wine & soft drink. Our Year 6s have organised some fun activities for the children to participate in once they have finished eating. Looking forward to seeing you tonight.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - Tuesday 7th March

A few reminders...

- Photos begin at 9am so please don't be late to school.
- All students will need to wear their full school summer uniform for photos.
- All students need to have their photographs envelopes with them on the day ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?
- House Captains will need to bring (not wear) their coloured sports tops for their House Captain group photo.
- Year 3/4 students who have Physical Education on Tuesday may choose to bring their runners to school to change into after photos have been taken.
- Preps can wear their school uniform during their Physical Education lessons. There is no need for them to change.

FOOTBALL TIPPING COMPETITION:

Join our St. Mary's Footy Tipping Competition. Go to www.footytips.com.au/comps/St_Marys_School_Altona

If you were a member last year you will be asked to reactivate your account. **For new members:** Please fill in your personal details and you are in. You will receive an email welcoming you to our competition. As well as being great fun and an opportunity to win prizes it is also a fundraiser for our school. Half of the money raised goes to the school and the other half is distributed in weekly prizes and at the end of the season. Anyone can join **"The More the Merrier"**! It's \$25 per person or \$45 for two tippers. Once you have joined please send your money to school in a clearly marked envelope "Footy Tips" and your name/s. Any difficulties please contact me at school or via email dkelly@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

CONDOLENCES:

Valda's mother passed away last Sunday please keep Valda and her family in your prayers.

David Kelly
PRINCIPAL

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Reconciliation Dates:

Reconciliation Family Workshop Wednesday 8th March 7pm in School Hall.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Wednesday, 22nd March at 7pm.



*"Look upon your crosses
as stepping stones to the
or
eternal life of happiness"*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 1890

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

* All members of our community who are sick
in need of our prayerful support.
* Valda Pedley and family on the death of her
Mother in Wales. Now resting in God's care.

Weekly Class Mass

**On Friday 10th March Year 1/2HT 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



Blessed Sacrament Chapel - From Monday 3rd April a new entrance will be used to enter into the Chapel. Entry to the Chapel will be via the single wire gate in McBain Street. Signage will be moved to show the new entrance. As part of the change we are hoping that anyone visiting the chapel will make the most of the beautiful surroundings in the Memorial Garden which we feel is not utilised enough. There will be no change to the times of access to the Chapel. This will remain as 8.30am to 7pm. In preparation for our official opening we will have a **Working Bee on Saturday, 25th March, 2017 after the 9.15am Mass.** You are invited to come along and lend a hand.

Last weekend we announced that our parish was one of the twelve parishes of the Archdiocese of Melbourne who were invited to support a group of young seminarians as they walk the ancient pilgrimage route of the CAMINO DE SANTIAGO to the tomb of ST. JAMES the Apostle. We are very moved and grateful for the quick response and generous support of the parishioners who donated towards this worthwhile initiative. We expect to reach our target of \$1200.

Mass for Families & Youth
commences at St. Mary's parish on
Sunday 12th March at 5pm.
ALL WELCOME

Congratulations to Sr. Marea Cox, who celebrated her Diamond Jubilee along with 40 other Sisters of St Joseph who all celebrated 60 years of Religious Profession earlier this year, quite an incredible achievement! The Sisters of St. Joseph have been instrumental in the education of so many Catholics and we are indebted to them.

Monthly Holy Hour - All welcome to share in our Holy Hour on **Monday 6 March at 7.30pm** to pray for peace & reconciliation in the world. Rosary, Exposition and Prayers through the intercession of **ST. PIO** will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All Welcome

Stations of the Cross will take place each **FRIDAY** in the church at 7pm during Lent.

'Carelink' brochure is available from the Narthex Free Rack. It details the support offered to survivors of sexual and physical abuse and how it fits into the 'Melbourne Response'.



PRINCIPALS AWARDS 27th Feb 2016

PREP D	Chloe Pendlebury for taking pride in the presentation of her work.
PREP S	Thomas Yacono for the great way he listens for sounds when he is writing.
YEAR 1/ 2HT	Natalie Myers for having a go at sounding out tricky words.
YEAR 1/ 2S	Xavier Barry for his great attempts with writing.
YEAR 1/ 2N	Sienna Polo - For her enthusiasm towards learning.
YEAR 1/2G	Eilidh Plumb for always coming to school with a beautiful smile on her face and ready to do great work.
YEAR 3/4M	Tom Engler for his positive 'can do' attitude to all learning tasks.
YEAR 3/4HK	Ethan Le Roux for his beautiful presentation and consistent dedication to all learning tasks.
YEAR 3/4V	Oscar Devetak - for working confidently and efficiently with numbers.
YEAR 5/6C	Tyson Dobbyn - For showing perseverance and putting effort into all his work.
YEAR 5/6L	Emma Hussey - For persisting when faced with challenges about factors and multiples.
YEAR 5/6K	Oliver Jeffery - For contributing to class discussions in a positive and mature manner.
LIBRARY	Alison Misquitta 1/2HT - For borrowing more books from the library in 2016 than any other student.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Time
6/3	Prayer Assembly 3/4 HK	2.40pm – 3.00pm
7/3	School Photos	8.30am – 1.30pm
8/3	Reconciliation Family Workshop	7pm – 8.30pm
10/3	Inter school sports Rd 4 @ away Vs Seaholme	9am – 11am
13/3	Labour Day Holiday	
14/3	School Closure Day	
16/3	Divisional Swimming	9am – 3.30pm
17/3	Inter school sports Rd 5 @ Home Vs Williamstown Nth	9am – 11am
20/3	Class Assembly 1/2S	2.20pm -3.00pm
22/3	Sacrament of Reconciliation	7pm – 8pm
24/3	Inter school sports Round Robin Final	
27/3	Class Assembly 1/2N	2.20pm – 3.00pm
	Parents & Teacher conferences	3.15pm – 5.30pm
28/3	WMR Swimming	9am – 3.30pm
31/3	End of Term One	2.30pm



We may have had some highs and lows with the weather but those UV levels have been consistently high reaching 12 (extreme) with sun protection needed for most of the day.

Have you seen the free [SunSmart app](#) and widget? We have the Widget on our school website! They show daily sun protection times (when UV levels are three or higher), UV levels and weather. Please try to check the sun protection times each day so you can be sure you are being protected from UV when you need to be. Sun protection isn't just needed during terms one and four. Sunscreen is available outside the staff room for the students use but you may wish to slop some on before they come to school.



Healthy Breakfast

When: 22nd March

Time: 7.30am

Where: School Hall

Why: To show the kids how quick and simple a healthy breakfast can be!

Afterwards join in for **Fun and Fitness** 8am on the basketball court

RSVP Essential by Friday 17th March

Complete the Google Form linked to today's newsletter email.

Girls in Sport

Spotswood District Sports Association would like to invite all girls in Hobson's Bay, Prep — Year 8, to participate in a multi sports afternoon to celebrate Girls in Sport.

Date: Thursday 16th March 2017

Time: 3:30pm—5:00pm

Venue: Bryan Martyn Oval, Newport



AFL
Cricket
Soccer
Lacrosse
T-Ball

Girls will be grouped according to year levels.

Group A: Prep Group B: Yr 1 & 2 Group C: Yr 3 & 4 Group D: Yr 5 & 6 Group E: Yr 7 & 8

3:30pm—3:45pm Welcome
3:45pm—4:00pm Session 1
4:00pm—4:15pm Session 2
4:15pm—4:30pm Session 3
4:30pm—4:45pm Session 4
4:45pm—5:00pm Session 5

Special guest appearance by:

Amy Yates (Melbourne Renegades)

Sue Sofarnos (Head Coach, Australian Woman's Lacrosse Team)

Bree Hussey (Australian Woman's Lacrosse Team - Goal Keeper)

Hayley Sofarnos (Australian Woman's Lacrosse Team - Attack)

If you would like to register your daughter's interest in attending the afternoon or if you have any questions please email;

Anne Chapman achapman@shnewport.catholic.edu.au

Please include your daughter's name, year level, school and a contact number in the email.



Facebook.com/Spotswooddistrictgirlsinsport



Have you got a green thumb? Can you help our Year 3/4 gardeners?

Kristen (Summer & Maggie's mum) is looking for parents, grandparents, friends who can help out in the garden on Friday afternoons 2.30 – 3.15pm. Jobs include working with a beautiful group of 3/4 students to do some planting or harvesting, watering and general garden maintenance. Really no matter the colour of your thumb, we'd love to have you along! Please contact the office or see Kristen in the garden on Friday afternoons.



Our Next Walk / Ride to School Day will be on Friday 17th March – NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY. Our Walking School Buses will run on that day

Can you Help?

Are there any parents who would be willing to cover books at home?



We will send home the contact and the books and you would cover them and return them when they are done.

Please complete the google form via the link attached to this newsletter email.

Thank you very much,

Cathy Sims

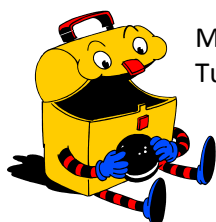
P-2 Literacy Leader

Lisa Vella

3-6 Literacy Leader

TUCKSHOP HELPERS

Week beginning 6th March 2017



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Alicia Galea

Manager: Eva Coppola

Tel: 9315 0799

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

SPORTS & EXCURSION FUNDS (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
And return to the school office asap.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

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Amart Sports & Rebel Loyalty Programs

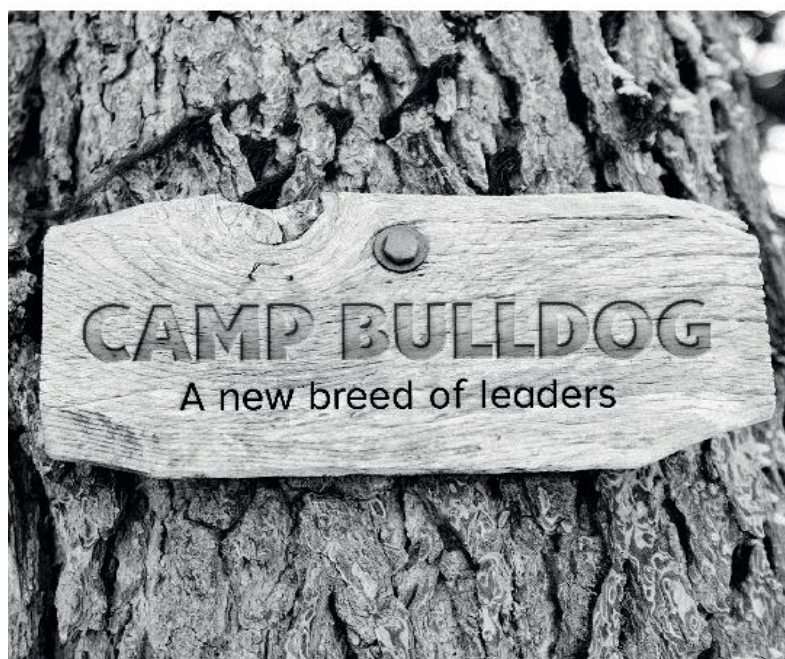
St Mary's have established loyalty programs with both Amart Sports & Rebel. 5% of any purchases made at any

Amart Sports or any Rebel Sport goes directly back to St Mary's. This helps us buy sports equipment for the school. Over the past year we've accrued an impressive \$569.10 at Amart Sports, so it really is a valuable program for our school. Mr Lappin has already used the points accrued at Rebel Sport to purchase equipment this year too.

AMART SPORTS

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Next time you're buying the kids new footy boots; runners; or sports equipment, go to an Amart Sports or Rebel & join up as a personal member. Then please ask them to link your membership to St Mary's. Please encourage family & friends to do the same.



Altona Laverton Eagles BASKETBALL CLUB

We are looking for **GIRLS** born in 2008 and 2009 to join our under 10 girls' team for the upcoming basketball season which starts on the 21st April 2017.

If your child is interested in playing, please contact Renee on 0414 252 030 or Guy on 0475 309 341 for more details.

Our club has a great fun and community based approach for girls to come and learn a new sport and make great new friends.



The Western Bulldogs' Camp Bulldog initiative is youth leadership camp developed for young people aged 10-14. The initiative uses the Western Bulldogs Football Club as a vehicle to inspire, educate and mentor young people to become social leaders in their community.

Date: Friday 31 March - Sunday 2 April 2017.
Where: Urban Camp, Parkville
Who: Kids aged 10 - 14 (at the time of camp)
Cost: \$385 per person

For more information email Adam.Moedt@westernbulldogs.com.au
or go to westernbulldogs.com.au/campbulldog

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