



# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents

St. Mary's Footy Tipping Competition is back on again. Go to [www.footytips.com.au](http://www.footytips.com.au) and the competition you choose to join is: St Marys School Altona. For members last year you simply need to reactivate your account. For new members please fill in your details and you are in. You will receive an email welcoming you to St Marys School Altona's 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 or reactivated please send your money to school in a clearly marked envelope "Footy Tips" and your name/s. The first game is less than 2 weeks away (Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March). Any difficulty please contact me at school or via email [dkelly@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dkelly@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)



16<sup>th</sup> MARCH NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE "IMAGINE A WORLD FREE FROM BULLYING"

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

- Wear a **SPLASH OF ORANGE** (with school uniform)
- Give someone a **SMILE** and show that you **CARE** about them
- Talk with your children about Bullying

Students will be talking about bullying in their classrooms – what bullying means, what to do if they are bullied, what to do if they see someone being bullied and most importantly about the importance of respecting and getting along well with others.

**So for your information....**

**What is Bullying?**

**Bullying is repeated negative behaviour towards someone else.**

Bullying is not a one-off case. A one-off case is really a conflict.

Bullying is much more than a conflict over some issue. It happens over and over again. It's this relentless nature of bullying that wears people down. Sometimes the form of the bullying changes, for example, name calling may change to threatening someone or destroying their belongings. Some victims have reported being mistreated in several different ways by the same bullies.

**What do we tell the children?** We use our strategies designed by our JSC in recent years.

**1...2...3 You can count on me!**

**ONE**...Stop, Look and Listen to see what is happening.

**TWO**...Ask the person who you think is being 'bullied' can you help them?

**THREE**...Tell the person/persons to **STOP** or seek help from an adult.



**STOP** – calling me names, teasing me, and taking my things (name the behaviour)  
I don't like it.

## OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

These will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Please click on the Interviews Icon on our website and follow the simple instructions.

The School Event Code is: **j2djy**

If you are not available on the allocated date please contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually suitable time. Online bookings are open now and will close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

## SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all those families who have been able to pay their school fees in full, contract to a direct debit plan or have paid the first instalment of their fees. A reminder that the first one third payment of total school fees is due by the last day of term one, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**David Kelly**  
Principal

## LITTLE LEARNERS LOVE LITERACY PARENT NIGHT:



Just a reminder that there will be an information evening for Prep parents this **TUESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT 7PM** in the TRI Centre. Come and find out about what your Prep child is doing in class. **There will be babysitting available if you require it.**

Looking forward to seeing you there. Parking is available on the netball court, enter from Sargood Street. You can also park in Sargood Street & enter the TRI Centre via the single gate.

**Cathy Sims - Learning Diversity Leader/Junior Literacy Leader**  
**Britt Densmore & Nancy Scuderi - Prep Teachers**

## INTER-SCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

**Round Three:** Away against Seaholme

<b>Basketball</b>	girls	4 - 34	won
	mixed	36 - 4	lost
<b>Volleyball</b>	girls	0 - 2	won
	mixed	0 - 2	won
<b>Softball</b>	girls	4 - 8	won
	mixed	1 - 7	won
<b>Hotshots</b>	girls	3 - 10	won
	mixed	4 - 7	won

## ST MARY'S CHOIR NEWS – CONFIRMATION MASS FRIDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH



The Choir will be leading the singing at the Confirmation Mass on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the Church. This is an important time for the young adults of our community and the singing of St. Mary's Choir will add to the joy of the celebration. We will need as many choir members as possible to attend. All members of the choir will need to wear their summer uniforms and arrive by 6.40pm. Parents of choir members have been sent a message via Care Monkey to confirm their child's attendance.

**I am looking forward to hearing all of the angelic voices.**

Mrs. Angela Hamilton  
Performing Arts Specialist  
ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

**2018 Term 1 Sacrament Date**

**Confirmation: - Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, at 7pm**

*(Photos from 5.30pm onwards in school hall).*



**"God is all powerful and  
can do all things." 1873**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- \* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- \* Our Year Six Candidates as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



### **Weekly Class Mass**

**On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March Year 3/4HK will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to sit with, celebrate and join the children in prayer.**

### **Social Justice News**

#### **PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISING**

This term our Social Justice endeavour has been to fundraise for Caritas Australia's annual Lenten Project Compassion Appeal. Project Compassion brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Each classroom has a Project Compassion money box. Please support our efforts for Lent by giving your child/ren a 'coin' to place in their class money box.

*Ciara & Anthony*  
Social Justice Leaders



## PARISH NEWS

**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 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**. The reflection will explore some of the key pastoral themes of Pope Francis.

**It would be appreciated if Parishioners could donate Palms/Olive Branches by delivering them to the Narthex on Saturday morning 23<sup>rd</sup> March after morning Mass. Thank you.**

Is there's a **Wood Turner** in the Parish that would like some free Red Gum? If so please contact Fr. Michael.

### **Easter Chocolate Lambs for sale.**

Only 60 available at \$7.00 each. They will be sold after each Mass at the SVDP Piety Stall this weekend. They make great gifts!

**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 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

**Healing Mass** - Parishioners please note for the time being the Healing Mass will alternate monthly between Friday and Saturday. (ie Sat 7<sup>th</sup> April; Fri 4<sup>th</sup> May; Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> June etc)

### **The Young Heart of the Church**

**Celebrating Faith & Life.** Catholic Youth

Daring to Dream – **RISE**. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at Mount St Josephs College, 133 Maidstone St. Altona. Ages 9-30 years; 10am to 10pm; Free Entry.

Featuring special guests – Bishop Mark Edwards; Pat Keady; Sam Clear; Genevieve Bryant & many more. Registration Essential: [www.risemelbourne.com](http://www.risemelbourne.com) contact [hello@risemelbourne.com](mailto:hello@risemelbourne.com)

**Volunteers** are needed to help with setting up for **Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Vigil** needed. If you can spare some time, please see Trish Aitken or Vivienne Sagona after Mass.

**Can you help us celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Week/Easter?** If so, please place your name & phone number next to the ministry you are able to assist with on the Roster in the Narthex. This will allow us to prepare a roster which involves as many people as possible. We need to know who will be available for each ministry by **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**. Families are encouraged to place their names down for foot washing on Holy Thursday.

## DOUBLE VOUCHERS

When you shop at Coles this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only.



## COLES Double Vouchers Weekend

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

To further boost our school's voucher collection drive, we will receive Double Vouchers when we shop at Coles this weekend.



### TUCKSHOP HELPERS

**Week beginning 12th March 2018**

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

**Marylinda Abate**

**Manager: Eva Coppola**

**Tel: 9315 0799**

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

# Meet the Principal

**Thursday 15 March**  
Commencing at 9.00am

**Notre Dame Campus**  
2-40 Foxwood Drive  
Point Cook

*Pursuing personal best* ★



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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](mailto:fiona@creativemusic.com.au)



**Creative Music**

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## Open Day — 2018 —

*We invite you to explore our College and see what makes us leaders in educating girls*

**Sunday 20 May**  
**10:00am - 1:00pm**

**Principal's address**  
**10:30am, 11:30am & 12:30pm**



Register online at [www.msj.vic.edu.au](http://www.msj.vic.edu.au) | 133 Maidstone Street Altona | 8398 2000