



St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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NO. 9 29TH March 2018

Dear Parents

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday. They are to be commended for the prayerful and reverent manner in which they participated throughout the entire ceremony. Well Done!

Thank you and congratulations to Olive Chodowski (REL & Year 5/6 teacher) for her organisation of the mass and her preparation of the children and involvement on the night. To Megan Loft & Stefanie Harvey (Year 5/6 teachers) for their preparation of the children and their involvement on the night. To Angela Hamilton for her organisation of the music and the choir.

To the other staff members who assisted in the preparation and/or attended the mass in support of the children involved and fellow staff members.

SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD:

The Annual General Meeting of the School Education Board will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 8th May commencing at 7.30 pm. There are 3 vacancies for Parent Representatives on the School Education Board due to the fact that Diane Howell, Paul Kruger and Paul Moore have all served the maximum time of 4 years on the School Education Board. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Diane, Paul & Paul for their support and outstanding contribution both to myself personally as well as the school as a whole. Anyone interested in joining please speak to myself, Katrina Haby or Leonie Duane as ongoing members or one of the above exiting members. The School Education Board meets once a term. Nomination forms and an outline of the Functions and purposes of the School Education Board are available from the School Office or on our website.

ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY SURVEY:

During the week all parents (except new families to the school) received an invitation to complete the above survey via CareMonkey. While we encourage as many parents as possible to complete it your participation is voluntary.

Book Launch Invitation

Overcoming School Refusal:

A practical guide for teachers, counsellors, caseworkers, and parents by Joanne Garfi

School refusal affects up to 5% of children and is a complex and stressful issue for the child, their family and school.

Psychologist Joanne Garfi spends most of her working life assisting parents, teachers, school counsellors, caseworkers, and community policing officers on how best to deal with school refusal. Now her experiences and expertise are available in this easy-to-read practical book.

Areas covered include: ♦ types of school refusers ♦ why children refuse to go to school ♦ symptoms ♦ short and long term consequences ♦ accurate assessment ♦ treatment options ♦ what parents can do ♦ what schools can do ♦ dealing with anxious high achievers ♦ how to help children on the autism spectrum with school refusal.

Launch: Monday 30 April at 1pm & 7pm

Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre 5 Sargood St, Altona

RSVP: admin@ljac.com.au or phone 9398 2511

Books available for purchase on the day

FOOTY TIPPING:

Congratulations to the 3 tippers who correctly selected all 9 winners in the first round (Jussy, Isabelle Nelson & ?). Because the Jackpot was only \$5 there was no payment so the Jackpot for round 2 is \$10. Good Luck.

David Kelly
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2018 Sacrament Dates

TERM TWO:

1. Rite of Commitment Masses Weekend for Reconciliation & Conformation:

Saturday 26th May 6.00pm - Mary Help of Christians Church OR
Sunday 27th May 8.30am OR 10.30am - Mary Help of Christians Church.

Children are expected to attend ONE of these celebrations

2. FIRST RECONCILIATION DATES:

* Family Workshop evening on Wed 30th May at 7pm - School Hall or Narthex.

3. * Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance:

Appointments for Individual Reconciliation with Archpriest Michael to be made with the parish secretary after May 30th on 93982964.

TERM TWO:

4. FIRST EUCHARIST DATES:

* Family Workshop evening - Wednesday 1st August - School Hall or Narthex - 7pm.

* Shared Meal & Practice Session - Tuesday 14th August - School Hall - 6pm

* SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST - SUNDAY 19th AUGUST - 3PM



*"Entreat God to make us all
that we should be." 1873*

Holy Spirit.

As I move through Holy Week,
Let me follow your way of proceeding.
And grant me the trust to know
I'm moving with and toward you always.
Amen



PARISH NEWS

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, ALTONA HOLY WEEK/EASTER TIMETABLE 2018

Holy Thursday March 29	<u>No morning Mass or Reconciliation</u> Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration in the Narthex until 10.30pm	7.30pm
Good Friday March 30	<u>No morning Mass or Reconciliation</u> Ecumenical Service - Walk of Witness - Cherry Lake: Solemn Ceremonies of Good Friday	11.00am 3.00pm
Holy Saturday March 31	<u>No morning Mass or Reconciliation</u> Preparation Rights Easter Vigil:	9.30am 7.30pm
Sunday April 1	Easter Sunday Mass:	8.30am 10.30am

Flowers – Anyone who can help with flower arranging or donate flowers for Holy Thursday & Easter, please contact Trish Aitken or Vivienne Taylor, after Mass or the Parish Office

Thanksgiving Envelopes – Please remember to collect your next set of Envelopes from the Narthex.

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

Holy Land and Jordan Pilgrimage Departing 3 September 2018 (15 days) Please come and join us on this Spiritual Journey and walk in the footsteps of our Lord in the Holy Land, and also visit Petra (optional) and Amman in Jordan. Your Chaplain: Archpriest Michael Kalka PP. Cost per person, share twin: \$5,690(AUD); Single Supplement: \$850(AUD). Please see poster on Narthex Notice Board for full details.



Please note there will be Communion Services on Tuesday 3rd & 10th April 2018 at 9.15am.



PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 26TH FEBRUARY 2018

PREP D	Alessio B for his great effort and loud voice when segmenting and blending words
PREP S	Daniel G for working hard to improve his letter formation
YEAR 1/2G	Isabelle M for her fantastic recount writing
YEAR 1/2S	Mason S for his great effort when adding detail to his writing
YEAR 1/2K	Anthony M for displaying enthusiasm during reading lessons
YEAR 1/2D	Ethan L for excellent work in expanding and partitioning 3-digit numbers
YEAR 3/4M	Zali H for her dedication and positivity towards literacy activities
YEAR 3/4HK	Charlotte L for her great use of descriptive language in her narrative writing
YEAR 3/4V	Ava C for being able to summarise information from a story read
YEAR 5/6C	James H for being an outstanding student who is conscientious and loves learning
YEAR 5/6L	Grace M for being an enthusiastic leader in our classroom
YEAR 5/6H	Michael M for showing resilience when attempting new learning tasks in class Grace A for listening to feedback and working to extend her writing when writing narratives



COLES Double Vouchers Weekend Friday 29th March to Sunday 1st April

It's been an incredible race, but the Sports for Schools finish line is in sight. You've only got one week left to collect vouchers for your school! To celebrate, we've extended Double Vouchers until Sunday 1st of April 2018.

PREP 2019 INFORMATION SESSIONS & SCHOOL TOURS:

We are now accepting Enrolment Applications for Prep 2019. **Information Sessions and School Tours will be held on Wednesday 18th April at 9.05 am, 11.35 am and 7.30 pm. upstairs in the TRI Centre. Please pass this information onto any people that you think might be interested.**

Parents with siblings already enrolled at St. Mary's will need to complete an Application for Enrolment form and return it to the School Office but you do not need to attend the above sessions unless you choose to do so. Anyone interested in attending St. Mary's but unable to attend any of these sessions is encouraged to contact the School Office and an individual appointment and school tour can be arranged.



ANZAC DAY

Once again this year, our school captains on behalf of our school community, will be laying a wreath at the Altona ANZAC Day Commemoration Service held at the Eternal Flame outside the Civic Offices in Civic Pde, Altona. Each student will make a poppy to contribute to our wreath.

The service will be held on **Saturday 21st April beginning at 3pm.**

Please mark the date in your diary.

All students and families are welcome to attend. We will meet together at 2.45pm near to the corner of Pier St and Civic Pde.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 16th April 2018



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Friday **Paula Luppino**

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

TERM TWO COMMENCES ON MONDAY 16th APRIL 2018



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What's on in April

Thurs 5th April

10am-midday

Let's Be Crafty

A mixture of teaching new skills & craft
Cost: \$10

Thurs 5th April

7.30-8.30pm

The Joy of the Gospel

Lectio Divina type prayer. Women in the Gospel. what can we learn from these women?
Donations welcome.



Thurs 12th April

1 pm till 3 pm

Friends of the Garden

Come and see what is happening in the Autumn garden!

Wed 18th April

7.30-8.30pm

Reading Circle - Text: Field of Compassion Judy Cannato

Join us as we explore this inspirational book. RSVP: 16th
Donation per session: \$5.

Thursday 19th April

Prayer & Spirituality—The Cross Becomes the Tree of Life Therese Quinn

We listen to the heartbeat of different cultures and religions by appreciating their artistic depictions of The Tree of Life.

24, 25 & 26 April

10am-3pm daily

(BYO lunch each day)

Live-Out Retreat

The Song of Songs Therese Quinn

Time to enjoy God's Love through the lyric poetry and extravagant imagery of the Song of Songs. These days will begin with a reflective session, after which there will be quiet time and writing our own Song of Songs. Cost: \$175

21st April

11 am to 1 pm

Earth Rituals

Earth rituals and prayers to celebrate the interconnectedness of all that is. Gold coin donation and lunch to share.



RSVP 2 days prior to any session would be appreciated

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

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MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE ENROLMENT APPLICATION PROCESS

15 February 2018 (Thursday)	Open Morning (9.15am – 10.30am)
15 March 2018 (Thursday)	Open Morning (9.15am – 10.30am)
19 April 2018 (Thursday)	Open Morning (9.15am – 10.30am)
20 May 2018 (Sunday)	Open Day (10am – 1pm)
21 June 2018 (Thursday)	Open Morning (9.15am – 10.30am)
19 July 2018 (Thursday)	Open Morning (9.15am – 10.30am)
16 August 2018 (Thursday)	Open Morning (9.15am – 10.30am)
17 August 2018 (Friday)	Applications close for Year 7, 2020
20 September 2018 (Thursday)	Open Morning (9.15am – 10.30am)
18 October 2018 (Thursday)	Open Morning (9.15am – 10.30am)
15 November 2018 (Thursday)	Open Morning (9.15am – 10.30am)

Year 7, 2020

Applications close on **17 August 2018**

Offers are posted to parents on **19 October 2018**

Offers are to be accepted by **2 November 2018**

The criteria for consideration in determining offers of enrolment include:

- Family connections with Mount St. Joseph Girls' College
- Primary school attended (i.e. local or non-local, Catholic or non-Catholic)
- Religious denomination of applicant and parents
- Location of residence
- Date of application
- Family circumstance

The enrolment process at Mount St. Joseph Girls' College is guided by the enrolment policies available on our website, and procedures of the school and the Catholic Education Office Melbourne.

Further queries should be directed to the College Registrar,
Ph: 8398 2007, registrar@msj.vic.edu.au; www.msj.vic.edu.au