



St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2016

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Dear Parents,

No.6 4th March, 2016

Our Annual Easter raffle is upon us again. The Parents & Friends Association will be sending home a book of raffle tickets (10 tickets) per family to sell next week. Extra books can be requested from the school office. We ask each family to donate an Easter egg or plush toy (dairy and gluten free eggs are appreciated). The eggs/toys are left in the Easter boxes in the classrooms and are collected each morning by the Easter Bunny's helpers. *Through the magic of Easter, these become the raffle prizes.* We usually end up with enough prizes for most children to win one. Easter donations can be brought to school starting Monday 14th March. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at a Special Assembly on the last day of this term, Thursday 24th March at 2.00 pm. Thank you for your support.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES:

As stated in last week's newsletter we had an Emergency Management Procedure - Internal Lockdown Drill on Wednesday this week. Again well done to all involved. Within 3 minutes all external doors to all buildings had been closed and locked and within another 3 minutes all students, staff and visitors had been accounted for and all areas of the school had been checked. If anyone would like more details of our Emergency Management Procedures please contact me.

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE:

To the email system on our website as this will become the mechanism to deliver to you the newsletter. Visit www.smaltona.catholic.edu.au and on the right hand side you'll see a 'subscribe to' button. You will receive an email reply when you have successfully subscribed.

SCHOOL FEES 2016:

School fee statements will be sent home as soon as all costs for all year levels have been finalised. However the Curriculum Levy (\$220 per Child) and the Excursion Levy (\$60 per child) are due and payable by Friday 11th March.

Payment Methods: Payment can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or direct bank transfer to the school account. BSB: 083347 Account Number 644450867, please put your child's name as reference. Direct Debit forms for bank accounts or credit cards are now available from the School Office. If you had a direct debit arrangement last year, you MUST fill out a new authority for 2016. Regular payments are an increasingly popular way to pay your school fees. Please contact Mrs Pedley in the School Office if you have any questions.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:

School photograph day is this TUESDAY 8th MARCH. Photo envelopes were sent home last week. If you wish to order a family photograph, please contact the School Office for a family envelope. Photograph envelopes should be returned on Photo day, please ensure that envelopes contain the EXACT MONEY - NO CHANGE is held at the School Office. All children should wear full summer uniform on that day. Those students who have sport on this day can bring their sports uniform to change into or alternatively just bring along their runners. Please DO NOT WEAR your runners to school.

OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT

On Monday 21st March we are holding a Parent / Teacher Contact afternoon from 3.15 – 5.15 pm. It is an opportunity for parents to meet with classroom teachers and/or specialist teachers to discuss issues related to their child and their learning. **All parents DO NOT have to attend this meeting, only those who have a concern.** Teachers wishing to see parents regarding their child's learning will contact parents to arrange a time on this afternoon. Should you have any questions please contact your child's classroom teacher. **ONLINE PROCESS** – Parents will need to make a booking online for all appointments. **Online bookings are now open.** Go to our school website

and click on the Interviews Icon, it is a direct link to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the simple instructions. The **School Event Code is: cn3hg**
For parents who cannot make a booking online you are welcome to use a designated computer in the TRI Centre. **BOOKINGS CLOSE:** Thursday 17th March.

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION:

Yes we will be running our St. Mary's Footy Tipping Competition again this year so start rounding up family and friends to be involved. For new families to our school and a reminder to others, you can win weekly cash prizes as well as significant cash prizes at the end of the season, depending on the number of participants. Remember as well as having a lot of fun you are financially supporting our school, with half of the income going directly to support your child's education, the other half in prize money. It's \$23 per person or \$40 for two.

The site is: www.victeach.footytips.com.au. People involved last year have been automatically rolled over into this year's competition. You only need to click on 'update details'. New tippers need to fill in their details then click 'competitions' and select 'St Marys Primary School'. The password is: Mary.
You will receive an email confirming your registration. Please send the money in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Footy Tipping" to the school office as soon as possible. The first game is Thursday 24th March. Please email me if you have any problems.

David Kelly,
Principal.



NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Thanks to everyone who supported National Ride 2 School day by coming to school in an active way. The Most Active class will be announced at assembly on Monday.

Great job to all the students who entered our colouring and design competitions which helped us to organise the event.

Thanks to the Walking School Bus helpers too!

Our next Walk / Ride to School Day will be on **Monday 21st March.**

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE – ORANGE DAY

18TH MARCH 2016

More information to follow but start looking for something Orange to wear with our school uniform on the day!

EDUCATION IN FAITH



CONFIRMATION NEWS

Congratulations to our thirty-eight candidates who will this Sunday, 6th March, celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 3pm. Bishop Vincent Long will be the leading celebrant.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER

Holy Spirit, strengthen our ST Mary's candidates with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they can count on your guidance today and every day. Show them the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person they meet. Come, Holy Spirit! Come.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- * Our 38 Confirmation candidates that through the Sacrament of Confirmation they may be strengthened with the gifts of grace, to love and serve as Disciples of Christ.

Olive Chodowski – REL

*"We must often feel weary and tired,
yet God brings us through all these things."*

- St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop-1874

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Last week we had our first JSC meeting. Our councillors were very enthusiastic and ready for action. Congratulations to Isabella C who was named president, Ella S will be our secretary and Faith K our treasurer.

Our Water Savers group is Stella, Jazmine, Zali, Sienna, Isla, Alessia, Taj, Tjay, Peter, Luke, Jeremy and Aidan. Our Sandpit Equipment monitors are Jeremy & Amber along with 1/2S.

Thanks to those children for volunteering.

Our **next meeting** will be on **Monday 21st March.**

Six of our JSC members (Isabella, Luke, Sofia, TJay, Faith & Ella) will represent us at the Hobsons Bay Junior Council on Wednesday 9th March.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Mark Misquitta, Year 5/6 L who recently was selected in the State Squad for karate. Well done Mark!

PARENT CONTACT DETAILS

If your contact details have changed recently, please speak to or email Mrs Pedley in the School Office with the updated telephone numbers/addresses.

vpedley@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 7th March



Wednesday **Cynthia Bitaks**
Thursday
Friday **Paula Luppino**

Manager: Eva Coppola



UNIFORM SHOP

Open Wednesday Afternoon 2:30 -3:00pm
& Monday mornings 8:30 – 9:00am

The Uniform Shop now has a dedicated

email address. You may complete and scan an order directly to them. You may also simply write a clear list of your requirements including size etc. Always include the name of your eldest child, their class, your contact details and the method of payment you have used. Payment can be made by direct bank transfer or cash or cheque left at the School Office in a clearly marked envelope. The email address is stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com

The Uniform Shop is run by parent volunteers who are aware that not all families can visit them during their opening hours. This is an initiative that they hope will be helpful to all. Any feedback is welcome; please direct it to Mrs Pedley in the School Office.

CSEF

Families who hold a valid means-tested concession card or who are temporary foster parents are eligible to apply to the Victorian Government Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund.

\$125 per year will be paid for eligible primary students. A CSEF Application form can be collected from the School Foyer.

I strongly encourage ALL FAMILIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS FUNDING TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Further information on the fund can be viewed at the Victorian Government Department of Education and Training website.

IMPORTANT DATES

6/3	Confirmation
8/3	School Photos
14/3	Labour Day Holiday
16/3	P & F Meeting 7:30pm
19/3	National Day of Action Against Bullying
21/3	Walk to School Day
21/3	Year 5/6M Prayer Assembly
24/3	Holy Thursday - End of Term One

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS Results

Round 3 vs Altona College/Bayside away

Cricket	Mixed	won	128 v 49
	Girls	won	41 v 23
Volleyball	Mixed/Girls		No Games
Softball	Mixed	lost	12 v 14
	Girls	won	7 v 4
Basketball	Mixed	won	16 v 10
	Girls	won	28 v 20

This week's 4th March **vs Altona PS @ home.**

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT ST. MARY'S - Camp Australia WE MAKE KIDS SMILE!

Phone: 1300 105 343 / (03) 9398 4065

www.campaustalia.com.au

1731 Malvern Road, Glen Iris, Victoria 3146

info@campaustalia.com.au Fax: (03) 8610 2044

For Out of School Hours Care at St. Marys (CAMP AUSTRALIA) bookings or cancellations please contact them direct.

Holiday Program: With holidays soon approaching a holiday club program will be available at:

Stella Maris Catholic Primary
54 Innisfail Dr
Point Cook, Vic 3030

Information will also be displayed in the OSHC services.

CONFIRMATION

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 6th

A reminder that all members of the choir will need to arrive at the church no later than 2.45pm this Sunday.

They will need to be wearing their summer uniform. Thankyou in anticipation for your participation!!!



NAB AFL Auskick:

Registrations for the 2016 NAB AFL Auskick season are open!!

Altona Auskick Centre
Altona Reserve, Sugargum Drive, Altona
Sunday Morning, 9am – 10:30am
auskickaltona@gamil.com

Head to www.aflauskick.com.au to register or to find out details of all centres in the area.