



# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No. 8 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Congratulations to the thirty-five, Year Three students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday evening. Thank you to the class teachers, Carol Hicks, Corina Kapusta, Alyce McConnell and Lisa Vella for their preparation of the children and participation on the night. Thank you also to: Olive Chodowski (R.E. Leader) for her overall organisation of the evening, Angela Hamilton (Performing Arts teacher) for her organisation of the music, Anthea Zimmerman (Art teacher) for making the Artwork for the night and to the other members of staff who attended to support the children and teachers involved.**

**Please keep these children and their families in your prayers:**

**Isabella Armeri, Saxon Azzopardi, Thomas Azzopardi, Lila Boyd, Dominic Carbone, Jeremy Cassar, Daniel Cooper, Toby Da-Silva, Jasmine de Thierry, Oscar Devetak, Tom Engler, Keyon'Dre Fallace, Jordan Fenton, Christian Galea, Lucas Giardina, Allegra Guerrera, Angus Herd, Jessica Le, Jamison Lehrer, Stella Ligudzinski, Aidan Long, Zali McAvoy, Melina Merola, Lachlan Moore, Sunniva Mullins, Isabelle Nelson, Amelia Papal, Samuel Pelns, Miley Polo, Isabel Rodriguez-Canache, Amber Steinhardt, Alyssa Tizzani, Eyob Tsegay, Callum Tucker and Keely Williams.**

### **PREP 2017 INFORMATION SESSIONS & SCHOOL TOURS:**

We are now accepting Enrolment Applications for Prep 2018. **Information Sessions and School Tours will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April (2<sup>nd</sup> day back next term) 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.

### **EASTER RAFFLE:**

Our Easter raffle will be held at a special assembly on the last day of term.

There are spare booklets available at the office.

**We ask that all families kindly donate an Easter gift (per child).**

This could be in the form of chocolate, a toy, or allergy free option.

**Please give this gift to your child, to give to their teacher early next week. We ask that they are in by Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of March at the latest.**

Many thanks. We really appreciate your support!!!

**OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:**

These will take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please click on the Interviews Icon on our website and follow the simple instructions.

**The School Event Code is: 4bn79.** Online bookings close today, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30 pm. Contact the classroom teacher directly if you need to arrange a different mutually suitable time.

**CONDOLENCES:**

Dani Molloy's mother passed away earlier this week. Please keep Dani and her family in your prayers. Dani teaches Year 1/2N on a Tuesday.

**CONRATULATIONS** to the Teinovic family (Mia 1/2S) on the safe arrival of their new baby Anja.

**TERM ONE ENDS NEXT FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH AT 2.30 PM.**

**TERM TWO COMMENCES TUESDAY (NOT MONDAY) 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL.**

**David Kelly**  
**PRINCIPAL**

**HEALTHY BREAKFAST**

Thanks to Penny Ealem for organising the Healthy Breakfast on Wednesday this week. We had around 65 children come along to join in the fun.

Thanks also to the many parents who helped with set up and pack up and also by baking muffins. The staff and children appreciated your efforts.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Date	Event	Time
27/3	Class Assembly 1/2N	2.30pm – 3.00pm
	Parents & Teacher conferences	3.15pm – 5.30pm
28/3	WMR Swimming	9am – 3.30pm
29/3	Parents & Friends meeting	7.30pm
31/3	Holy Week Liturgy 5/6L – in the church	11.30am
31/3	<b>End of Term One</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>
18/4	<b>Start of Term Two (Tuesday)</b>	<b>8.45am</b>

**PRINCIPALS AWARDS 20th March 2017**

PREP D	Isabella Falzon for her hard work in writing.	Ivan Dedic for trying his hardest at new things.
PREP S	Isobel Mercer for working hard with her writing.	Michael Cassar for being kind and encouraging to his class mates.
YEAR 1/ 2HT	Amanial Tsgay for having a go at sounding out words.	Maggie London for always producing neat work.
YEAR 1/ 2S	Gisella De Luca for her great contributions in class discussions.	Ryan Tucker for great efforts with his work.
YEAR 1/ 2N	Ethan Singh for his exceptional efforts when sounding out words.	Shiloh Cucanic always helping others in class.
YEAR 1/2G	Elisha Shafik-Eid for her amazing work on adjectives.	Isabella Meddis for her improved work presentation.
YEAR 3/4M	Sebastian Molinia for his dedication and hard work in writing his narrative.	Jordan Fenton for his descriptive and captivating narrative.
YEAR 3/4HK	Amber Steinhardt for always giving challenges her best effort.	Hugo Fischer for concentrating & giving his personal best.
YEAR 3/4V	Lila Boyd for writing an entertaining character portrait.	Thomas Williams for working confidently with number problems.
YEAR 5/6C	Tegan Sortino for her excellent book work presentation.	Marcus Kruger for his high standard of homework completion.
YEAR 5/6L	Gab Manguiat for concentrating very hard in class to complete his work.	Nikita Hoalihan for great editing during writing time.
YEAR 5/6K	Liam Curran for showing initiative and helping others out in the classroom.	Noah Defina for contributing to reading groups in a mature manner.

## EDUCATION IN FAITH



### Reconciliation News:

**Congratulations to our Year 3 students who celebrated their Sacrament of Penance on Wednesday evening.**

**Year 5/6L will present a HOLY WEEK Prayer Liturgy in the church, next Friday at 11.30am All welcome**



*"Let us be entirely God's."*

16.3.1874



### Weekly Class Mass:

**On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March Year 1/2N will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.**



## Parish News



### **Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter Timetable 2017**

<b>April 8 Saturday:</b>	<b>Blessing of the Palms/Mass</b> Procession of the Palms from Narthex	6.00pm
<b>April 9 Sunday:</b>	<b>Blessing of the Palms/Mass</b> Procession of the Palms from the Narthex	8.30am
<b>April 9 Sunday:</b>	<b>Blessing of the Palms/Mass</b> Procession of the Palms from the Memorial Garden	10.30am
<b>April 10 Monday</b>	<b>Maltese/English Reconciliation</b> - Fr. Edwin Agius	4-5pm
<b>April 11 Tuesday</b>	<b>Communion Service</b> <b>Chrism Mass</b> at St. Patrick's Cathedral (Archbishop Denis Hart) <b>Second Rite Reconciliation</b>	9.15am 11.00am 7.30pm
<b>April 13 Holy Thursday:</b>	<b>No morning Mass</b> <b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b> followed by Adoration in the Narthex until 11pm (St. Mary's Music Ministry)	7.30pm
<b>April 14 Good Friday:</b>	<b>No morning Mass</b> <b>Ecumenical Service - Walk of Witness</b> - Cherry Lake: Solemn Ceremonies of Good Friday: (St. Mary's Music Ministry)	11.00am 3.00pm
<b>April 15 Holy Saturday:</b>	<b>No morning Mass</b> <b>Easter Vigil:</b> (St. Mary's Music Ministry)	8.00pm
<b>April 16 Sunday</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Mass:</b> (St. Mary's Music Ministry)	10.30am

### **Blessed Sacrament Chapel -**

From Monday 3rd April, entry to the Chapel will be via the single wire gate in McBain Street. Signage will be moved to show the new entrance. Access times to the Chapel will remain from 8.30am to 7pm.

**Next Music Rehearsal** will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April between 2pm-4pm in the Church. All welcome.





**Palm Sunday/ Holy Week/ Easter Sunday.** If you are able to minister at any of the above ceremonies, would you please place your name on the Roster in the Narthex this weekend. We need to know who will be available for each ministry no later than **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 so that we can prepare Rosters. Many thanks!**

# Improving Self-Esteem



## Joseph's Corner warmly welcome you to "Improving Self-Esteem"

**As a participant in this confidential group program, you will be in a safe space to:**

-  Learn what self-esteem is, and explore what may have caused yours to fade.
-  Be supported to acknowledge your own strengths and weaknesses.
-  Learn how to use your strengths and weaknesses to help you in life.
-  ...all while helping others to do the same!

### The Venue

Joseph's Corner  
Cnr. Campbell and Bellin Streets  
LAVERTON  
Telephone: 9315 2680.

[contact@josephscorner.org.au](mailto:contact@josephscorner.org.au)

### Days

Every Wednesday for 6 weeks,  
19 April – 24 May.

### Time

10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

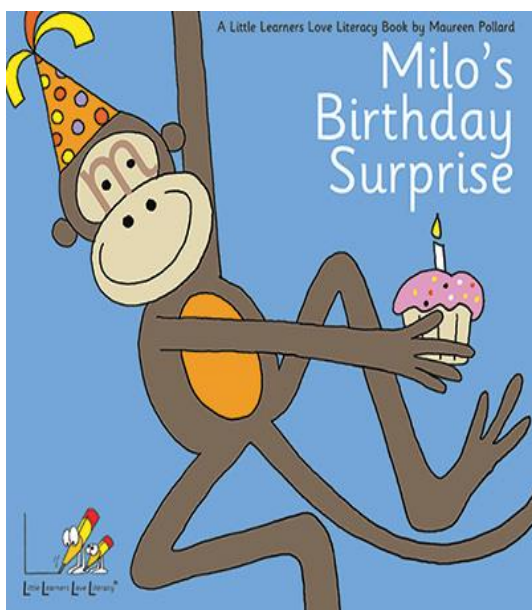
### Cost

There is no cost, but a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Tea and coffee provided.



It has been shown that participating in a supportive group program can help increase self-esteem for people of all ages and backgrounds.



**Have you heard about Milo Monkey and his friends, Sally Snake, Peter Penguin etc?**

**Are you wondering about take home books and M100 words?**

This year, in Prep, we have embraced the Little Learners Love Literacy program for teaching reading, writing and handwriting. This approach uses a systematic way of introducing sounds to the children which in turn leads them to be able to use phonics to decode words when they are reading and pull words apart when they are spelling.

It is a new way of tackling reading and writing at St Mary's so on THURSDAY APRIL 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm, we will be gathering upstairs in the TRI Centre to have a more in depth look at the Little Learners Love Literacy program. We will be talking about the benefits of using a program such as this one as well as how you can support your child at home.

This meeting will be beneficial for all parents of Prep children and we hope that every family is represented on the night.

Looking forward to seeing you there,  
Cathy and Britt.



**Normie the Gnome** is awarded to the House Team who keeps their part of the yard the cleanest. This week's winner is: **YELLOW TEAM**

## SPORT FINALS

Congratulations to our Volleyball Mixed and Girls teams, our Softball Mixed team and Hot Shots Tennis Girls team who played in District Finals today. Our Softball team won today's competition and will go on to compete at Divisional level. Our Hot Shots tennis team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their competition – well done. Our volleyball teams won one of their three games – well done.



## LIBRARY

A huge thank you to the Cucanic family (Erin 5/6K) for donating a large number of books to our library. Watch out for these new books - and a whole lot more from Book Club - appearing on display in the library soon!



## TUCKSHOP HELPERS

Week beginning 27th

March 2017

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Cynthia Bitaks

Thursday

Friday

Paula Luppino

Manager: Eva Coppola

Tel: 9315 0799

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