



# St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No.19 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2017

Please find below correspondence sent to all Catholic schools today from Stephen Elder, Executive Director of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV) regarding the passage of the Turnbull Government's school funding package.

- "The government's funding legislation was hastily developed and has now been adopted without sufficient scrutiny.
- The Independent Parliamentary Budget Office says that Catholic schools across Australia will be \$3.1 billion worse off because of these changes. The Federal Education Department says Catholic schools will actually receive \$4.6 billion less funding over the next decade.
- There is still a great deal of uncertainty about what arrangements are now in place for our school.
- While the government has committed to a review of the SES scoring system, there are no guarantees as to how this long-overdue review will be conducted. We believe that any review of SES must be conducted thoroughly and independent of government. It should consider the parental capacity-to-contribute elements of the funding model.
- Funding arrangements for Catholic schools are supposed to be rolled over for twelve months while a review of the SES scoring system takes place. The government has not given an indication of what elements will actually be rolled over.
- The introduction of the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for Students with Disability (NCCD) is premature. Many educators and disability support groups lack confidence in the use of data which the Minister labelled as lacking credibility in December last year.
- Failures with this funding model lie solely with the Minister for Education, Simon Birmingham. The lack of consultation conducted prior and subsequent to making the funding announcement will show in the weeks and months ahead.
- Many school communities across Victoria remained concerned about the affordability of catholic schools into the future.
- The affordability and accessibility of catholic schools will be at the forefront of everything as Catholic education authorities examine the details of the legislation passed last night and determine our responses over the coming weeks and months."

I will keep you informed as I receive further information about this funding legislation.

## MID YEAR REPORTS:

Were sent home with the children this afternoon. You can access a link via the newsletter email to a google form which we would greatly appreciate you completing to give us feedback about the effectiveness of the new Report format.

## STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:

These will take place next Monday and Tuesday. It is important that all children attend as they have prepared a presentation of their work for their parents. **CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED AT 1.00pm ON MONDAY.**

## MARG MASSENI:

Has commenced Long Service Leave. Marg will return on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August. We hope she enjoys her overseas trip. Mrs Olive Chodowski will be Acting Deputy Principal during this time.

## JOYCE LALOR:

Has also commence LSL. She is travelling to Darwin to spend time with her 6 week old 29<sup>th</sup> grandchild. Joyce will return on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Enjoy!

**David Kelly,**  
Principal.

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### Confirmation Dates

### Rite of Acceptance Mass Weekend:

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June – 6pm OR Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June – 10.30am**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Confirmation Family Workshop 7pm**

**Friday 18th August - Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm**

### Social Justice News

Today at Mass our wonderful donation of many bags of food was donated to St Vincent de Paul Society through their Winter Appeal. Thank you to all students and their families for your donations.

Sara Adani & Kyle Escobar

(Social Justice Leaders)

### Today we celebrate the feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Almighty and eternal God, look upon the Heart of Your most beloved Son and upon the praises which He offers and satisfaction and great goodness, You. In Your in the name of grant forgiveness the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You. Amen.



*"Make allowances for those who do not see as you do." 1867*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- \* Our Year 6 students as they begin their preparations to celebrate their Confirmation.
- \* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.



## Parish News



**Maintenance** - Over the coming weeks urgent plumbing works will commence to correct roof and drainage problems to the Presbytery, Church and Narthex as well as the Chapel. In addition to this we have worked closely with Hobsons Bay Council over a number of tree problems in the Memorial Garden area. Timing of works for both projects will be dependent on the weather, but disruption will be kept to a minimum and further advice will be given at upcoming Masses.

**Bulletin Deliveries:** if any parishioner can spare some time during the week delivering to any of the following streets, it would be very much appreciated: Akuna; Bell; Blyth (part of); Belmar; Burt; Cambridge; Chorley; Civic (part of); Cowra; Cobham; Emery; Emu; Frazer; Grieve; Hammond; Kearney; Kookaburra; Lark; Lowe; Lugg; McAlpine; Maidstone (part of); McIntyre; Millers; Queen; Stirling; Finley; Keeshan; Merrit; Spear; Sussex & Waters. Please ring Lucy at the parish house if you can help out. Ph: 9398 2964

**Don't forget to visit our Facebook page at St Mary's Parish Altona to get all our updates.**



**"Cadillac Drifters"** are a rockabilly band that has been formed by two ex St Mary's students, who are currently in Yr 10 at Emmanuel College. Sam Currie & Warren Rozario, together with lead singer Shane, will be performing at the Pirates Tavern, 82 Nelson Place, Williamstown from 2pm onwards on Sunday 9th July.

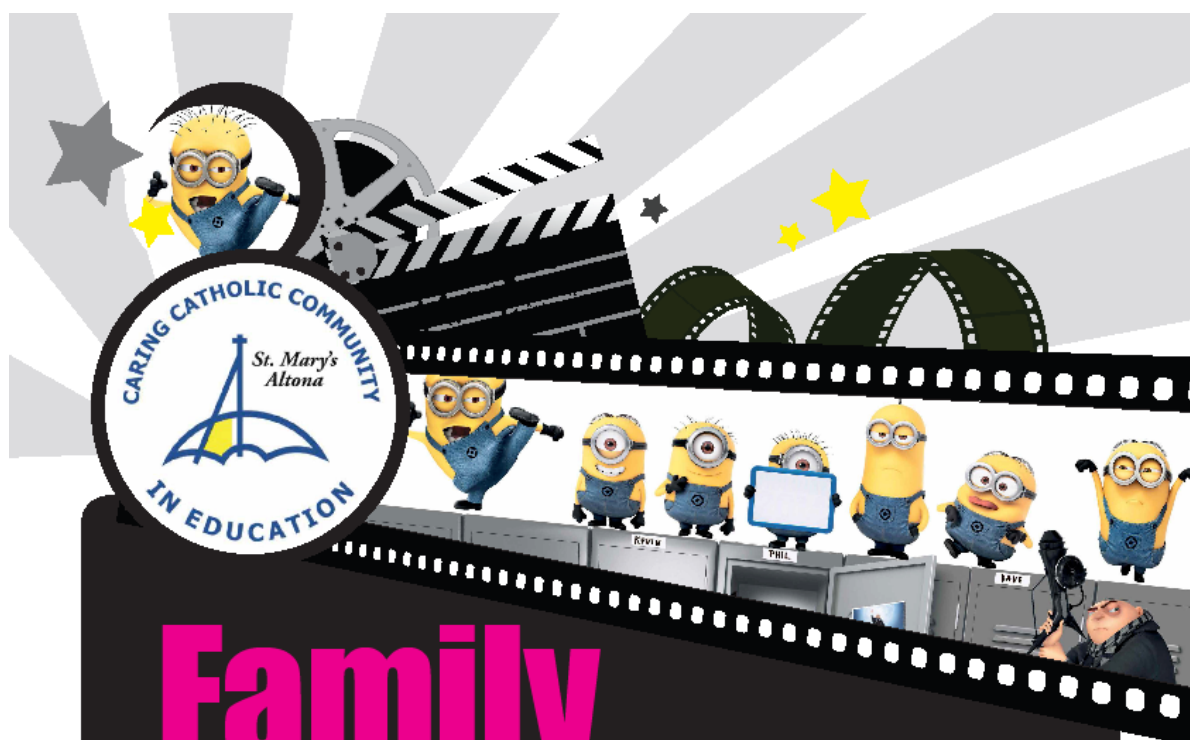
Come on down & listen to & enjoy some great young talent."

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:

The Parents & Friends have organised a "FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT" - **Despicable Me3** (PG) for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, (last day of this term) at 6.30 pm at the Sun Theatre in Yarraville. Adult ticket - \$18.00. Child Ticket (17 and under) - \$18.00 each (includes small drink & popcorn). You can book online at [www.trybooking.com/QGZZ](http://www.trybooking.com/QGZZ).

Here are the winners of the early bird ticket competition for the movie night:

Sun Theatre package - Marita Mercer  
Wyncity Bonanza pack - Michael Georgiadis  
\$50 Amart Sport Voucher - Trish Moore



# Family Movie Night "Despicable Me 3"

**Friday June 30th, 6.30pm**  
**Sun Theatre, Ballarat St, Yarraville**

Adult ticket - \$18.00

Child ticket (17 and under) - \$18.00 each (includes small drink & popcorn)

**Book online at [www.trybooking.com/QGZZ](http://www.trybooking.com/QGZZ)**

Purchase tickets by Thursday 22nd June for your chance to WIN a Sun Theatre Family Movie Pass for 4 OR a WYNCITY Bonanza Fun Pack Value \$100 OR a \$50 Amart Sport Voucher.

Drawn on Friday 23rd June, winner announced in Newsletter.

**School families and friends welcome!**





## PRINCIPALS AWARDS 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017

<b>PREP D</b>	Minh-Phi Tran for her fantastic expression when reading. Jack Muller for the good choices he has been making in class.
<b>PREP S</b>	Mackenzie Papal for the wonderful way she works independently during activities.
<b>YEAR 1/ 2HT</b>	Amelie Cowap for reading aloud fluently. Georgia Rada for her great contributions to class discussions.
<b>YEAR 1/ 2S</b>	Zoe De Bono for her great effort when writing a narrative.
<b>YEAR 1/ 2N</b>	Tilly Delaney - For always helping others in the classroom. Ruby Williams - For her excellent effort with decoding words and enthusiastic attitude.
<b>YEAR 1/2G</b>	Kade Fenton for his fantastic illustrations on his water project. Andre Braganza for his tremendous effort in writing narratives.
<b>YEAR 3/4M</b>	Eliza Pelns for her well written and detailed information report about Altona's Homestead. Ava Denys for developing a wonderful and engaging presentation about Earth.
<b>YEAR 3/4HK</b>	Dominic Carbone for his great efforts with multiplication strategies in Maths. Mai Nguyen for her amazing information report on African Pygmy Mice.
<b>YEAR 3/4V</b>	Claire Jones for her interesting oral presentation on the Earth. Summa Polo for her detailed and thorough information report on 'Horses'.
<b>YEAR 5/6C</b>	Ciara O'Connor for her positive attitude to school and towards others. Sinaita Daravong for consistently immersing herself in set tasks and working diligently.
<b>YEAR 5/6L</b>	Kyle Escobar for always completing work in a timely manner. Millie Pilditch for her enthusiastic approach to letter writing.
<b>YEAR 5/6K</b>	Ava Robertson for her informative presentation about Earth.

### TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017



Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

Marylinda Abate

Manager:


Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



### Uniform Shop: Open Thursdays 2.30-3.00pm

Uniform can be order via email, [stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com).  
Simply use the description on the form adding size and quantity.

Payments can be made with either cash to the shop, or direct deposit (details at the bottom of the uniform order form). The order form can be found on the school website under NEWS then Notes & forms.



**Williamstown Wolves  
Baseball Club**

**RECRUITING  
JUNIORS**  
(And their families)

T-Ball ages 4 - 7  
Junior Baseball ages 8 - 17

**2017 FREE COME & TRY DAYS**  
10am - 12 noon  
Sat 24 June & Sat 29 July  
**Greenwich Reserve**  
The Strand, Newport

For more information or to  
get involved, contact the club.

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