

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents

Our Year 6 students returned from camp this afternoon exhausted but having had a fantastic time even though it was very cold and wet. They were a credit to their families and our school as their behaviour and manners were exemplary. Thank you also to our Year 5/6 teachers (Megan Loft & Stefanie Harvey), our Deputy Principal (Marg Masseni) and one of our Learning Support Officers (Margaret Jones) whose enthusiasm, organisation and sense of fun was greatly appreciated by all the students. Check out the photos on our Facebook page on our website.

MOTHER'S DAY:

A very sincere Thank you to Jen Natale, Stacey Rocco & Margaret Licciardello and their band of helpers for organising such a successful Mother's Day Stall for all our students today (and last Tuesday for our Year 6 students). A reminder that our annual School & Parish Mass for Mother's Day will be held this Sunday at 10.30 am. All school families are invited and encouraged to join us at this celebration.

OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS FEAST DAY / ST. MARY'S SCHOOL 90th BIRTHDAY:

Our Feast Day is on **Thursday 24th May** and we will be celebrating it and our 90th Birthday on this day. All families and friends are invited to celebrate with us at a whole school Mass at 9.15am. Following mass, classrooms will be open for visitors until morning tea. The P & F will provide lunch for students on the day and we have a few other treats and surprises instore for them. **More details to follow but please note the date and times in your diary.**

PREP 2019 ENROLMENT:

Applications for Enrolment in Prep at St. Mary's in 2019 close next Friday, 18th May. If you know of anyone who was thinking about applying to our school please advise them to contact us as soon as possible.

SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD:

The Annual General Meeting of the School Education Board was held last Tuesday evening. Congratulations to Natasha Devetak and Jenny Giardina who were elected on as Parent Representatives. The other members of the School Education Board are: Archpriest Michael Kalka, Carol Hicks as Teacher Representative, Marilyn Fischer as Parents & Friends Representative and Katrina Haby and Leonie Duane as ongoing Parent Representatives and myself. Reports that were tabled at this meeting can be accessed next week on our school website. Highlights from these Reports will be included in the newsletter over the next few weeks.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:

Thursday 19th July (Week One Term Three) staff will be working with Fr. Richard Leonard for the day. OSHC will operate if there are sufficient numbers of children booked in. Please contact Camp Australia if you wish to use this service ASAP.



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 18 May 2018!

Our Walking School Buses will run. Please complete the Google form via the website home page or link with this newsletter.



A Mothers' Day Prayer

Thank you, Creator God, for your special gift of mothers;
for the example of your unconditional love they share with their children.
Lord, today we pray you will protect and guide mothers everywhere;
that you will grant them your wisdom in loving and teaching their children.
Thank you for the mothers who played with us, taught us, nurtured us, fed us,
listened to us and tried to understand us.

Today we honour, celebrate and reflect on the women who gave us birth, or adopted us into their heart. We thank you Lord, for life, and for all Mums!
Amen.

Social Justice News

Term Two Social Justice initiative:

Next week, we will participate in CatholicCare Week with our annual Coin Trail money raiser on Friday 18th May. So start saving your coins. Big points for each House Team are on offer. House captains will be at the back of the hall after school assembly on Monday to collect any donations.

Thank-you.

Ciara O'Connor & Anthony Briffa
(Social Justice Leaders)



Weekly Class Mass:

On Friday 18th May Year 3/4HK will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.

NEW TO THE TUCKSHOP: SUSHI!!!

CHOOSE FROM: TUNA AVOCADO, CALIFORNIA OR CHICKEN
CRISPY HANDROLLS **\$3.00 EACH**

As this is a fresh product, it MUST be ordered a day ahead. It will be available for Lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays. A lunch order bag, clearly marked SUSHI and containing the correct money must be placed in the class Lunch Order tub by 9am on Tuesday for Wednesday Lunch and Thursday 9am for Friday Lunch.
NO late orders can be accepted.





DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

This week 19 students from grades 3-6 represented our school at the District Cross Country Carnival involving 12 other schools. Students aged 9/10 ran 2km and 11/12 year olds ran 3km.

Captains this year were Jacob Yacono & Sienna Tanti –

Congratulations and well done! Over all we finished 3rd place in the Spotswood/Atlona district which is a fantastic result. Well done to the following students who represented our school:

Gab Manguiat, Jacob Yacono, Lachland Green, Lucas Galea, Daniel Ameri, Jett Porter, David Teshomi, Michael Morda, Oscar Devetak,

Dominic Carbone, Jordan Fenton, Xavier Rietveld, Sienna Tanti, Anna Adani, Shannon Williams, Caitlyn Green, Lexi Rietveld, Keely Williams and Dhriti Amin.

TOP 10 PLACES:

9/10 Boys: Jordan Fenton 2nd, Oscar Devetak 3rd, Xavier Rietveld 5th

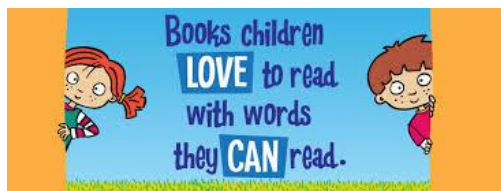
9/10 Girls: Keely Williams 1st

11 Year old Boys: Jett Porter 7th

11 Year old Girls: Shannon Williams 1st

12 year old Boys: Lachland Green 1st, Jacob Yacono 2nd, Daniel Ameri 3rd, Gab Manguiat 4th

12 year old Girls: Sienna Tanti 1st, Anna Adani 3rd



LITTLE LEARNERS LOVE LITERACY

On the 30 April, six teachers from New Gisborne Primary School spent the morning in our Prep classrooms. They had heard about the great work that our teachers, Britt and Nancy, are doing with the Little Learners Love Literacy Program. This is a reading, writing and spelling program that introduces sounds and letters in

a systematic approach. This is the second year that we have used the program and we have been thrilled with our results and just as importantly the children have thoroughly enjoyed it

The six visitors spent some time observing Britt and Nancy teaching as well as asking them many questions designed to help them with the implementation of the program at their school. It was a great opportunity for our school and teachers to share their knowledge and expertise with others.

FOOTY TIPPING:

No one correctly tipped all 9 winners in Round 7 so the Jackpot this week is \$10. Good Luck!

David Kelly
Principal



PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 7th MAY 2018

PREP D	These will be presented next week as the Preps were on an Excursion
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YEAR 1/2G	
YEAR 1/2S	Daniel S for his great efforts when reading
YEAR 1/2K	Georgia M for confidently taking part in class discussions
YEAR 1/2D	
YEAR 3/4M	Sunniva M for her insightful contributions to text discussions during reading sessions
YEAR 3/4HK	Isabelle N for making great use of rhetorical questions in planning her persuasive piece
YEAR 3/4V	Susanna E for confidently solving subtraction algorithms
YEAR 5/6C	Tyson D for his expressive responses to Literature Circle activities
YEAR 5/6L	Gigi F for her enthusiastic effort during Integrated Studies
YEAR 5/6H	Lexi R for her high level of commitment to her learning during Maths

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 THREE:

* 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

TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 14th May 2018



Monday

Tuesday

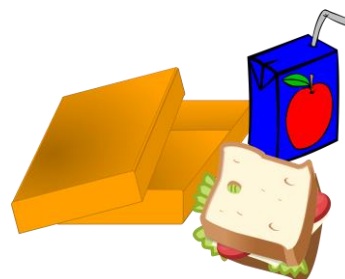
Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Paula Luppino

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



ST MARY'S CHOIR NEWS

What an enthusiastic group of singers we have in St. Mary's School Choir this year. We have been invited to lead the singing on **Sunday 13th May** for our parish Mother's Day Mass at 10.30am. All members of the choir will need to come dressed in their "Sunday Best". I ask that all members be there 15 mins prior to the start of the mass. The ceremony should take

about an hour. If you are a parent of a choir member, you would have received a note via CareMonkey last week to confirm your child's attendance. If you have not received notification, please contact me directly on the email below.

Thank you to all those who have responded already.

Mrs. Angela Hamilton

Performing Arts Specialist

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BULLY ZERO AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION:

On Tuesday 22nd May we have the Bully Zero Foundation Parent Night starting at 6.30pm. Childminding will be available. Don't forget to RSVP via CareMonkey.



Week 5 Term 2 – BIG IDEA

As you all know we are choosing a big idea from the National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence each week. This week's Big Idea is from 3/4M. They are telling us: **"We will respect each other share positive vibes and throw kindness like confetti"**



Brought to you by the Parents and Friends Family Movie Night

Friday June 15th 6.45pm

Sun Theatre – Yarraville

Adult tickets \$18

Child Ticket (17 and under) \$18 (includes small drink and popcorn)

Purchase tickets by Thursday 31st May for your chance to WIN a Sun Theatre Family Movie Pass for 4. Drawn in assembly Monday 4th June and announced in our newsletter.

Tickets on sale now!

<https://www.trybooking.com/VPGR>

OPEN DAY

26 MAY | SATURDAY 10AM - 1PM

- Tour the centre and meet our educators
- Learn about our educational approach
 - Explore the environments
 - Sample our nutritious menu

AT CENTRES ACROSS VIC*

BOOK YOUR PLACE AT
guardian.edu.au/vicopenday

* at participating VIC centres

Join us for a fun Trivia Quiz Night & help raise funds for Joseph's Corner

23 August 2018

Venue: Limerick Arms Hotel,
364 Clarendon St,
South Melbourne, 3205

Quiz: 7:30pm – 10:30pm

Tickets: \$15.00
Available by email at:
simelbournequiz@gmail.com

Dinner from 6:00pm at pub prices

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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