

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents,

The talent of our students, staff and parents and their willingness to give things a go to achieve new heights, never ceases to amaze us. Please read the following couple of news items that demonstrate the great attitude and dedication of just a few of them.

At the end of each year teachers like to look back and see the great progress our students have made throughout the year. These improvements can be in all areas of the school - such as how much someone's reading, writing and numeracy has improved, how someone's attitude to their work has grown and changed or how they mix with their friends in the yard and classroom.

We are sure that everyone at St. Mary's has made significant improvement from the beginning of 2018 until now. This week at assembly however we celebrated eight Year 1/2 students who have worked hard all year, have had a great attitude to their learning and have made great progress with their reading.

Congratulations to Ashley T, Ruby W, Ava R, Lachie M, Louis N, Isabella S, Ben D and Sienna M.

Isabelle C (Year 3/4 V) made the decision quite a while ago to grow her hair so that she could donate it to be made into wigs. A friend gave her the idea after she had shared with Isabelle that she had donated her hair previously. When Isabelle was a baby, her Nanny Judy had Cancer and lost her hair. Then at school this year, she learnt a lot more about children who have lost their hair due to Cancer and other medical conditions. Isabelle had 39cm chopped off her hair this week and is now sporting a new and wonderful hairstyle.

Congratulations and well done Isabelle. We are all very proud of you and what you have done.

Sarah Cassar (Year 3/4 V) gained her black belt in Taekwondo last weekend. **Well done Sarah**

Once again this year our **Arts Spectacular** was a huge success. The rain held out for us, the students' art work looked fantastic, the concert performance was second to none and the BBQ was amazing! Thanks to everyone who played a part, big or small, in putting the night together.

Now to the day to day news...

Thank you... to the parents and many past students (35 in all) who came to help clean chairs again this year. Our chairs and tables are now looking spick and span. We are looking forward to seeing this year's Year 6 students back next year to help out!

Being the last week of school next week, we have a few events on that you may like to attend.

Monday 17th December:

2.20 - 3pm: Final Assembly run by our school captains and featuring our wonderful staff act!

3.10 – 4.10 pm: Thank you afternoon tea for Parents (in the hall).

Tuesday 18th December:

6 pm: Year 6 Graduation Mass (in the church) followed by a celebration at the RSL for Year 6 students and staff.

Wednesday 19th December:

9.15 am: End of Year mass. At this mass we will celebrate our school year, farewell staff and students who won't be with us next year and announce our 2019 School Leaders.

3.20 pm: School Finishes

And finally a couple of other reminders:

- **Reports** were sent home today so please look out for them in your child's bag.
- A reminder to parents that **ALL LIBRARY BOOKS SHOULD NOW BE RETURNED**. Reminder notes went home on either yesterday or today.
- **The 2019 School Year starts** at 8.45am on Wednesday 30th January.

We hope you have a relaxing weekend in readiness for the final week of Term 4.

David Kelly Principal

Congratulations to some of our past students. We wish them well as they undertake their new roles in 2019.

Jade Said – College Captain & Chaminade House Captain at Emmanuel College
Ciara Singleton – Sports Captain & McCoy Sports Leader at Emmanuel College
Jayden Keran – Cassidy Sports Leader at Emmanuel College
Joshua Attana – College Sports Captain & McCluskey Sports Leader at Emmanuel College
Amy Smedley – School Captain at MSJ
Xavier O'Halloran – Drafted to Greater Western Sydney Football Club

EDUCATION IN FAITH	
2019 Sacrament Dates	
CONFIRMATION	
TERM ONE:	
Rite of Commitment Masses: (Four masses to select from) Saturday 2 nd March: 9.15am & 6pm Sunday 3 rd March: 8.30am & 10.30am	
Confirmation Family Workshop: (Two sessions to select from) Tuesday 5 th March 5pm & 7pm – with Michele Linossier.	
TERM TWO: (Week One)	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: - Friday 26 th April, 2019 at 7pm – Bishop Mark Edwards (The Sponsor must be a baptised Catholic over the age of 16)	
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RECONCILIATION	
TERM TWO:	
Rite of Commitment Masses: (Four masses to select from) Saturday 4 th May: 9.15am & 6pm Sunday 5 th May: 8.30am & 10.30am	
Reconciliation Family Workshop: Wednesday 29 th May - 7pm – with Maria Forde.	
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Individual Reconciliation. Appointments to be made with Archpriest Michael for the month of JUNE 2019.	
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EUCCHARIST	
TERM THREE:	
Eucharist Family Workshop: (Two sessions to select from) Wednesday 17 th July 5pm & 7pm – with Michele Linossier.	
Shared Meal: Tuesday 6 th August 6pm – in School Hall	
SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST: Saturday 10th August – 6pm & Saturday 17th August – 6pm	
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JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON	
<p>All families and friends are invited to celebrate our final Advent Liturgy with their children in the coming weeks:</p> <p>Week 4: 3/4V & 3/4HK – Monday 17th Dec at 12.50pm</p>	<p>As we approach the coming feast of Christmas, may we empty our hearts of the desire for more material gifts, and instead, give to each other the gifts of love, peace, hope and joy. May we shine our light out into the world, bringing with it hope-filled words and love-filled service. Amen.</p> 
End of Year Mass - Wednesday 19th Dec at 9.15am	
	

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARISH NATIVITY PLAY	
	<p>As part of the Christmas Vigil Mass this year, children will re-enact the Gospel Story. Some of the children will also be asked to participate in the readings and offertory procession.</p> <p>The Vigil Mass will commence at 6.30pm on Monday 24th December.</p> <p>Rehearsals will take place on Sunday, 16th December from 11.30am to 12.30pm in the Church.</p> <p>Permission forms are available from the School Office.</p>



Uniform Shop: Open Monday 17th December at 8.30 – 9 am

Please note – This is the last day the Uniform Shop will be open for 2018.

Uniform can be ordered via email, 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.

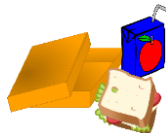
TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 17th December 2018

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 10th December 2018

PREP D	Angelina A for her engaging sentences in writing
PREP S	Rebekah S for always following instructions
YEAR 1/2G	Jackson B for his enthusiasm in writing
YEAR 1/2S	Sophie B for her excellent effort in all her work
YEAR 1/2K	Hannah L for being a cheerful and helpful member of our class
YEAR 1/2D	Claudia E for writing an interesting and creative Christmas story
YEAR 3/4M	Ruby R for her positive and focused attitude towards her learning
YEAR 3/4HK	Melina M for always doing her best
YEAR 3/4V	Zali M for always working to the best of her ability
YEAR 5/6C	Tyson D for his polite and friendly nature and loyalty to his friends
YEAR 5/6L	Gemma D for her inclusiveness towards her peers
YEAR 5/6H	Isla M for her positive and friendly attitude towards others

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS:

I am so thrilled with the level of performance and entertainment quality of the students of St. Mary's at our annual Arts Spectacular Concert on Wednesday. After an exhausting day rehearsing on the stage in the heat, the students all performed with such enthusiasm for a large crowd in the evening.

Special congratulations go to our four presenters, Sophia, Shannon, Kiani and Rachel. All the girls developed and wrote all their dialogue for the concert. A wonderful effort.

Mrs Hamilton



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