

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2019

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No. 8 22nd March, 2019

Dear Parents

It has been brought to my attention that some children are arriving at school before 8.30 am and remaining around the basketball court area. Children **SHOULD NOT** arrive at school before 8.30 am. **BUT** if they do they need to assemble in the office foyer where they can be supervised. There is no supervision on the playground before 8.30 am. We ask for your co-operation in this matter. Please contact me if you wish to discuss or require any further clarification



Our **EASTER RAFFLE** will be held at a special assembly on the last day of term, 5th April at 2pm. You should have received your raffle tickets this week. If not, there are spare booklets available at the office.

To make this afternoon great fun for all of the children, **we ask that you 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 over the coming weeks. All raffle tickets and money need to be returned by Monday 1st April.

Many thanks. **We really appreciate your support!!!**

CONGRATULATIONS:

Well done to the following students who competed at the Divisional Swimming Finals last week; Jeremy Cassar, Jack Curran, Zali McAvoy, Josh Myers, Mai Nguyen, Sam Pelns and Eliza Pelns. Congratulations to Eliza Pelns who won both of her events 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly at the Divisional Swimming Carnival last week. Eliza will now compete at the Western Region Finals on 2nd April at Kardinia Aquatic Centre Geelong. We congratulate and wish Eliza all the best.

PREP 2020 INFORMATION SESSIONS & SCHOOL TOURS:

We are now accepting Enrolment Applications for Prep 2020. **Information Sessions and School Tours will be held on Tuesday 2nd April at 9.05 am, 11.35 am. and 7.30 pm. upstairs in the TRI Centre. We have distributed flyers to all local Kinders and Early Learning Centres but 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.

ALTONA COMMUNITY CONVERSATION FORUM:

Please read the attached flyer inviting you to attend this forum organised by Victoria Police on Wednesday 27th March commencing at 6.00 pm. at the Hobson's Bay City Council offices.

STAFF CONFERENCE:

This year all staff will be attending a two day Staff Conference at Glen Erin at Lancefield on Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th July. These will be School Closure Days.

OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

These will take place on Monday 1st April.

Please click on the Interviews Icon on our website and follow the simple instructions.

The School Event Code is: x9m9a

If you are not available on the allocated date please contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually suitable time. Online bookings are open now and will close on Friday 29th March at 3pm.

END OF TERM:

Term One ends on Friday week (Friday 5th April) at 2.30 pm.

Term Two commences Tuesday 23rd April and Thursday 25th April is a Public Holiday.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To the following Inter-school sports teams that have made the Grand Final, Girls Basketball, Girls Volleyball, Mixed Hot Shots, Girls Softball and Mixed Softball. These will be held next Friday, 29th March at Emmanuel College St. Paul's Campus from 9.15 -11 am. Well done and good luck.

David Kelly
Principal

WALK FOR AUTISM –

Rizza Nguyen (Jackson - Year 1/2S) is participating in the "Walk for Autism" fundraiser this year to help raise awareness for ASD. [CLICK HERE](#) to read Rizza's story and make a donation to the cause if you would like to. Whether you make a donation or not that is obviously up to you but **PLEASE do yourself a favour and read Rizza's story.**

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY 2019

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

Join more than 350,000 students across the nation, who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school.



Thanks to everyone who participated in National Ride 2 School Day by joining one of our Walking Buses or coming along in an active way individually or with family members.

It's a great way to have some fun to get a little fitter and to build some great relationships.

Our next Walk/Ride to School day is on Tuesday 30th April.

PARENTING IDEAS:

Our school has a membership with Parenting Ideas, one of Australia's most trusted sources of parenting education and support. Great news – through this membership, you can attend all of their webinars for parents in 2019 at no costs! Here is the information about the next upcoming webinar:

Balancing extra-curricular activities:

Join Dr Jodi Richardson in this webinar to understand the trend towards increasing enrolments in structured after-school activities, the benefits and the drawbacks for kids, the importance of free play for children, the implications of over scheduling on children's mental health and how to create balance in the lives of your children.

When: Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 8:00 pm AEDT

If you are unable to make the scheduled time you can simply register and access the recording later.

How to Register:

1. Click this link: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-balancing-extra-curricular-activities>
2. Click 'Add to cart'
3. Click 'View cart'
4. Enter the code BALANCING and click 'Apply Coupon'. Remember to enter our school's name so that they can verify your eligibility. Your discount of \$37 will be applied to the order.
5. Click 'Proceed to checkout'
6. Fill in your account details. These are the details you will use to login to your account and access your parenting material
7. Click 'Place order'

This Voucher code is valid until 2nd May 2019

TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 25th March 2019

Monday:

Tuesday:

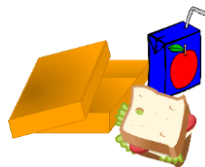
Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: **Rosemary Ciavarella**

Manager: **Amy Xu**

Tel: 9315 0799



CHANGE OF SPECIALIST DAYS

Next week, due to Year 6 camp and a Year 3/4 excursion among other things, we have changed some of the classes specialist days.

Please note the following...

MONDAY 25th March

1/2D, 1/2S, Prep D and Prep L PE as usual

TUESDAY 26th March

1/2S, 1/2G, 1/2T - Art & Performing Arts - No sport uniform needed

Year 3/4 - All specialist classes held: Please wear sports uniform.

WEDNESDAY 27th March

Prep Art and Performing Arts - No sport uniform needed

THURSDAY 28th March

Year 5/6 - All specialist classes held: Please wear sports uniform.

Year 1/2G & T PE - Please wear sports uniform

Year 1/2T, D & G - Art & Performing Arts

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

Round Four: Away against Spotswood

Basketball	Girls	38	16
	Mixed	6	37
Volleyball	Girls	2	0
	Mixed	2	0
Softball	Girls	10	5
	Mixed	14	2
Hotshots Tennis	Girls	4	8
	Mixed	9	3



Date for your diary: CONFIRMATION MASS FRIDAY, 26th APRIL

The Choir will be leading the singing at the Confirmation Mass on Friday, April 26th at 7pm in the Church. This is an important time for the young adults of our community and the singing of St. Mary's Choir will add to the joy of the celebration. We will need as many choir members as possible to attend.

All members of the choir will need arrive by 6:40pm so we can get them gowned up.

Parents do not have to remain in the church during the ceremony and are more than welcome to bring their child to me at the church and return to pick them up from me, at approximately 8:15pm.

I am looking forward to hearing all of the angelic voices.

Mrs. Angela Hamilton

Performing Arts Specialist

ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

2019 Sacrament Dates



Confirmation

Confirmation: - Friday, 26th April, at 7 pm
(Week 1 of Term 2)

(The Sponsor must be a baptised Catholic over the age of 16)



Eucharist

Eucharist: – Family Workshop:
Wednesday 17th July. School Hall: 5 pm OR 7 pm
Facilitated by Michelle Linossier

Eucharist: – Shared meal:
Tuesday 6th August. School Hall: 6 - 7:30 pm

Eucharist: -
Saturday, 10th August, 6 pm
Saturday, 17th August, 6 pm

Bookings for the Sacrament of Eucharist will use the school interviews booking site and will open on Friday the 1st of March. A note regarding the logon and other details went home to all families concerned via **CareMonkey** in **Week 5**.

Term 1 Special Dates

6 Mar - 21 Apr Project Compassion
10-17 Mar Catholic Education Week
17 Mar **Second Sunday of Lent**
18 Mar Solemnity of St Patrick
18 Mar 5/6H Prayer Assembly
19 Mar Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
21 Mar Harmony Day
22 Mar World Water Day
1 Apr 3/4HT Prayer Assembly



KITS 4 KIDS

The Kits4Kids project is a joint initiative with Gemma D, some of our School Leaders and School leaders from Emmanuel College. You can support our project by donating stationary – writing pencils, pens, textas, coloured pencils, rulers and exercise books as well as reading books still in good condition. There is a washing basket in each classroom to collect all of the donations. Our project will end on 29th March. All donations will be accepted up to that date. At the end of the project we will organise all of the donated goods to make kits to give to the kids of Vanuatu. Please help! Matt Taylor (RE Leader) and Gemma, Noah, Grace, Shannon, Zed, Kiani & Zaii (School Leaders)



ALTONA COMMUNITY CONVERSATION FORUM

Join us to have your say on the crime and safety issues currently affecting Altona, Altona North, Altona Meadows and Laverton.

Hear from guest speakers Senior Sergeant David Galea, Neighbourhood Watch, Crime Statistics Agency and members from Victoria Police specialty squads.

If you would like to ask questions of Victoria Police that may require research, please submit your questions via email to: altona-communityforum@police.vic.gov.au

Alternatively, phone Sergeant Lori Cuthbert at Altona North Police Station on 9392 3111.

Date
Wednesday, 27 March 2019

Time
6-8:30pm

Location
Hobson's Bay City Council
Offices, 115 Civic Parade, Altona

Light refreshments, tea and coffee will be provided.

Register
Book your free tickets online via eventbrite.com.au/e/victoria-police-altona-community-conversation-forum-tickets-56541888310



WE'VE GOT YOUR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COVERED



JUNIOR VULTURE'S PROGRAMS (9-12 YEARS)

MULTI SPORT

MON 08 - FRI 12 APRIL 2019
FOOTSCRAY

MULTI SPORT

MON 15 - THUR 18 APRIL 2019
FOOTSCRAY

BASKETBALL

MON 08 - TUE 09 APRIL 2019
WHITTEN OVAL

NETBALL

MON 15 - TUE 16 APRIL 2019
WHITTEN OVAL

SENIOR VULTURE'S PROGRAMS (12 - 16 YEARS)

BASKETBALL

THUR 11 - FRI 12 APRIL 2019
WHITTEN OVAL

COST

5-day program - \$200
Daily rate - \$35 per day
After-care - \$8.50 per day

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Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play

GUITAR or KEYBOARD
here at St. Mary's.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$17.00 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2019.

Interested parents should call Brenda during office hours on 9818 2333 or email brenda@creativemusic.com.au

Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au



Altona Junior Football Club U12 Youth Girls Team

Altona Junior Football Club are in full swing building and developing our Girls Program.

We still have spaces in our U12 side.

If you are born in 2007 or 2008 we'd love to see you join us.

Come along for a kick, have some fun while learning to play football.

Bring a mate or two, the more the merrier.

Be a part of Viking action and Australian sporting history



Coach: Kacie Cook
Under 12 Girls

Tuesday and Thursday 4.30-5.30pm

Grant Oval 4 (Civic Pde end)

Bluegum Drive, Altona

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact our administrator Patrice ajfcadmin@gmail.com or 0431 527 362.