

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2019

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No. 9 29th March, 2019

Dear Parents

I have noticed that at drop off and pick up times a number of families are ignoring the parking and speed signs around the school. Not only are the signs there to remind you of the laws but they are in place for the safety of your children. To say "but I'll only be there for a few seconds" is not good enough. It only takes a few seconds for a child to be hit by a car. The area north of the Sargood Street gate is **NO STANDING ANYTIME** (it's marked with an unbroken yellow line). The area on both sides of the school driveway in McBain Street is **NO STANDING BETWEEN 8.00 - 4.00 ON SCHOOL DAYS** (It is marked with broken yellow lines).

Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter

YEAR SIX CAMP:

Congratulations to all our Year 6s whose behaviour and manners were exemplary while they were on camp earlier this week. They all had lots of fun while also participating in some challenging activities.

A very sincere **THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS** to our Year 6 teachers: Olive Chodowski, Stefanie Harvey & Matt Taylor for their organisation and participation in the camp. Without their willingness to take on the responsibility of caring for the 36 children who attended camp 24 hours a day for the 3 days these great experiences would not be possible. Well done to all involved.

YEAR 1/2 CAMP ACTIVITY:

This was held yesterday after school. The children rotated through 4 fun filled activities, dined on some yummy pizzas and watched a movie before being collected by their parents at 7.00 pm. Thank you and Congratulations to our Year 1/2 teachers: Hayleigh Davis, Caitlyn Gallagher, Lisa Said & Ethan Tartaglia for their organisation of all the activities and to all the Yr 1/2 children for their excellent behaviour & sense of fun.

PREP 2020 INFORMATION SESSIONS & SCHOOL TOURS:

We are now accepting Enrolment Applications for Prep 2020. **Information Sessions and School Tours will be held NEXT 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.

EASTER RAFFLE:

Will be drawn at a Special Assembly next Friday 5th April at 2.00 pm. **All raffle tickets and money need to be returned by Monday 1st April.** Thank you to the many parents that have donated an Easter Egg or Gift. You can still donate something up until Wednesday next week. Many thanks. We really appreciate your support

FOOTY TIPPING:

No one picked all 9 winners last week so the jackpot this week is \$10. Unfinancial members are not eligible for any jackpot prizes. SO to the few who haven't paid yet could you please do so **ASAP**.

TERM ONE ENDS NEXT FRIDAY 5TH APRIL AT 2.30 PM. TERM TWO STARTS TUES 23RD APRIL

David Kelly
Principal

OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

These will take place next Monday afternoon 1st April. Online bookings are now closed but you can contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually suitable time.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Amelie, Keely & Keira, our March Aussie of the Month students.
[Click here](#) to see their smiling faces and to read about why they are so wonderful.

CONDOLENCES:

Gianluca Carniato - 1/2D's grandfather passed away recently. The school community would like to pass on their condolences to the Carniato Family, to Eddy and Jen.



UNIFORM SHOP: **CLOSED MONDAY 1ST APRIL**

Due to work commitments the uniform shop will be closed on Monday 1st April. It will be back open on Wednesday 3rd April from 2.30 – 3.00 pm.

The uniform shop is looking for volunteers. If you are available Mondays between 8.30 – 9.00 am and Wednesdays 2.30 – 3.00 pm please contact the school office. No experience required

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2019 Sacrament Dates

Confirmation

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

Reconciliation

Reconciliation: -
Rite of Commitment
Masses:
4/5/19 9:15 and 6 pm
OR
5/5/19 8:30 & 10:30 am

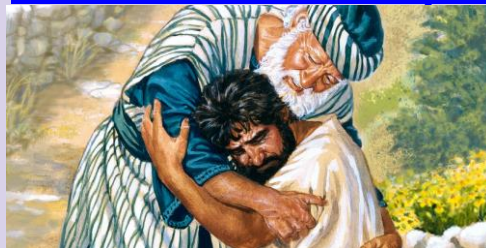
Eucharist

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

Term 1 Special Dates

31 Mar Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Apr 3/4HT Prayer Assembly
5 Apr End T1
14 Apr Palm Sunday
18 Apr Holy Thursday
19 Apr Good Friday
20 Apr Holy Saturday
21 Apr Easter Sunday

This weekend's Gospel



Luke 15: 1–3, 11–32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Lord, you send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in you and in Jesus whom you sent.



Weekly Class Masses

We look forward to Year 3/4 HT leading our next prayer assembly of 2019 on Monday the 1st of April at 2:20 pm.



Year 5/6H will then lead the parish in prayer at the celebration of the mass on Thursday the 4th of April at 9:15 am.

We welcome you warmly to all of these events and would love to see you there.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Fourth Sunday of Lent
31st March 2019



Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. The Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 25th March 2019

PREP D	Emily B for completing tasks with enthusiasm Alyssa C for being a helpful and hard-working member of Prep D
PREP L	Sienna B for always helping in the classroom Edward J for always using his manners
YEAR 1/2D	Eva D for making some excellent inferences during reading groups Ethan L for a well thought out narrative plan
YEAR 1/2G	Laughlin D for always trying his best and having a go Ruby M for her fabulous sizzling start to her writing
YEAR 1/2S	Max T for always working hard with every tasks Adam C for being a kind member of our class
YEAR 1/2T	Ania W for always putting 100% into her classwork Gracie-Ella A for working hard on improving her reading and writing at home
YEAR 3/4HT	Isabelle M for her quiet dedication to all her work Fernando J for his interesting and informative participation in class discussions
YEAR 3/4K	Aaliyah F for being a friendly member of our class Toby T for working hard when learning about the compensation strategy during Maths
YEAR 3/4M	Ruby R for taking risks in her learning and challenging herself Liam T for being encouraging and supportive to her peers
YEAR 5/6C	Jeremy C for his enthusiastic approach to all learning tasks Isabelle N for being a really responsible class member
YEAR 5/6H	Amber S for asking questions in class and always striving to do her best Hugo F for being a cooperative, polite and focused member of our class
YEAR 5/6T	Jamison L for maintaining a positive attitude towards his learning during class time Alyssa T for being a cooperative, polite and focused member of our class

TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 1st April 2019

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

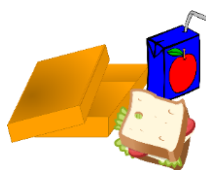
Friday: **Paula Luppino**

Manager: Amy Xu

Tel: 9315 0799

Our Tuckshop operates at recess and lunchtime each day of the week. Any parents that could assist in the tuckshop either on a regular or ad hoc basis would be greatly appreciated. You will be required between the hours of 12.30 to 2.00 pm on any day of the week. No experience required. Please contact the school office if you able to assist.

Manager: Amy Xu





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.

A CareMonkey note will be on its way shortly. Please respond as soon as possible!

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

Mrs. Angela Hamilton

Performing Arts Specialist

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Altona Junior Football Club

U9 Team

Altona Junior Football Club are in full swing of training and looking forward to our first game. With the season commencing Sunday 7th April.

We still have spaces in our U9 side.

If you are born in 2010 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

Wednesday and Friday 4.30-5.30pm

Grant Oval 3 (Civic Pde end)

Bluegum Drive, Altona

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

Learn to play 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 chil-
dren 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 dur-
ing office hours on 9818 2333 or email
brenda@creativemusic.com.au

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ASHES to EASTER



**CONCERT-REFLECTION
with
PETER KEARNEY**

A prayerful sequence
of songs and stories
on
Lenten and Easter themes.

**Tuesday 2nd April
7.30-8.30pm
Mary Help of Christians
Church
97 Railway Street North
ALTONA
\$5 at door**

The program includes traditional / contemporary Easter
carols and remarkable songs by the great English
songwriter, Sydney Carter (who wrote 'Lord of the Dance').
The concert program is mainly for adults though upper-
primary and older students could also enjoy it.

Peter Kearney has made music his full time work and ministry since 1982. His earliest
songs 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes' are internationally known. This is Our
School has been adopted as a school song by hundreds of Australian schools.

'Peter has the special gift of making the stories and message of Jesus
relevant to our modern daily life.' (Val Patterson MSC)

Website: peterkearneysongs.com.au



ALTONA Pirates BASKETBALL CLUB

FOR THE UPCOMING WINTER SEASON (COMMENCING IN
MAY), THE ALTONA PIRATES ARE SEEKING NEW PLAYERS FOR
THE BELOW TEAMS;



U8 Girls -Born In 2012 or 2013

U10 Girls – Born in 2010 or 2011

U14 Girls – Born in 2006 or 2007

**Please contact Gary to enquire (Dad of Anika Manton
from 3/4M)**

girls.registrar@altonapirates.com.au or 0419 529 057



16 Esplanade Williamstown

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What's on in April

April

7.30 pm to
8.00pm.

April 4

April 11

Christ in the Wilderness—Meditations for Lent.

"Consider the flowers...Look at the birds" (Luke 12:22-31)

"How often have I desired to gather your children...as a hen gathers her brood" (Luke 12:34)

Donation welcome



Artist: Stanley Spencer

4th April

10 am till Midday

Let's Be Crafty

A mixture of teaching new skills and BYO craft

Donation welcome



13th April

1 pm to 3 pm

Earth Rituals—Carmel Cramer rsj and Margie Abbott rsm

Earth rituals and prayers help us to celebrate the interconnectedness of all that is.

A ritual is created out of participants' reflections, ideas, thoughts, actions and poetry.

BYO lunch to share.

Donation welcome



17th April

7.30 pm to 8.30 pm.

Ecology—Focused Shift in Consciousness.

We invite your participation in conversation, discovery and awakening as we look at the new world view of our times using up to date YouTube clips, readings and other stimulus material.

Donation Welcome

18th April

1.30 pm to 3.00 pm
only

What is God Asking of Us in Australia At this time. What Moves Us?

Contemporary art of the last supper—a Place at the Table.

Slide Presentation—Therese Quinn, rsj

Donation welcome



Artist: Mary Ackland

RSVP 2 days prior to any session would be appreciated