

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2019

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No. 10 5th April, 2019

Dear Parents

It is with great sadness that I inform you that our Administration Manager, Mrs Valda Pedley has informed us of her intention to resign. Valda's last day will be Wednesday 24th April (2nd day of next term). Valda has worked as a Teacher Aide, Administration Assistant and more recently as Administration Manager during her 19 years at St. Mary's.

On behalf of all staff, children and parents I sincerely thank Valda for her commitment and dedication to all involved at St. Mary's.

I wish her every success and happiness in whatever the future holds for her.

There will be a farewell Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 24th April commencing at 3.30 pm. in the staffroom. All past /present staff and parents as well as any past students are invited to attend. Teachers will supervise children on the playground.

CONFIRMATION:

Our Year Six students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at a Eucharist Celebration lead by Bishop Mark on Friday 26th April commencing at 7.00 pm in St Mary's Church. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers: Gabriel Azzopardi, Grace Azzopardi, Rachel Currie, Gemma Deller, Ava Denys, Zed Didenkowski, Caitlyn Green, Kiani Howell, Samantha Kakoullis, Caitlin Kelly, Noah Ligudzinski, Jesse Longaretti-Schreppel, Isabella Merola, Isabella Mitchell, Samuel Molina, Sebastian Molina, Michael Morda, Mai Nguyen, Eliza Peln, Jett Porter, Thomas Pye, Lily Sattout, Alana Vuleta, Shannon Williams, Bryanna Willie and Ava Zammit.

FOOTY TIPPING:

No one correctly selected all 9 winners last round so the jackpot this week is \$15.

Unfinancial members are not eligible for any prizes. So to the few who haven't paid yet could you please do so **ASAP**.

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable time over the next two weeks.

PLEASE NOTE TERM TWO COMMENCES ON TUESDAY (Not Monday) 23rd APRIL/

David Kelly
Principal

SPORTS NEWS:



DO YOU LIKE TO RUN? Are you in Year 3-6?

Are you keen to be part of the St Mary's Cross Country Team? If you answered YES to any of these questions:

I will be conducting training sessions in the school grounds on the dates listed below. The sessions will have an emphasis on improving fitness and technique as well as providing competitive running. These sessions will **begin on Tuesday 23rd April** at 8.00 am. Training / Trial dates as follows:

Tuesday 23rd April

Wednesday 1st May

Tuesday 7th May

Sessions will last approximately half an hour. Enter the school through the office and wait to be collected (8.00am). If you arrive after 8am, join us on the oval.

Tim Lappin PE/Sport Teacher

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

Special Dates

5 Apr End T1
14 Apr Palm Sunday
18 Apr Holy Thursday
19 Apr Good Friday
20 Apr Holy Saturday
21 Apr Easter Sunday
23 Apr Term 2 begins
25 Apr ANZAC Day
(school to lay a wreath at dawn service)
26 Apr 1/2S Class mass
26 Apr Confirmation

This weekend's Gospel



John 8: 1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

PRAYER FOR Holy Week:

Holy Spirit.
As I move through Holy Week,
Let me follow your way of proceeding,
And grant me the trust to know
I'm moving with and toward you
always.
Amen

Weekly Class Masses

We look forward to Year 1/2S leading the parish in prayer at the celebration of the mass on Friday the 26th of April at 9:15 am.



Year 5/6T will then lead our next prayer assembly of 2019 on Monday the 29th of April at 2:20 pm on the theme of ANZAC Day.

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



TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 23rd April 2019

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: **Antoinette**

Manager: Amy Xu

Tel: 9315 0799

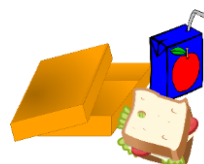


TABLE TENNIS VICTORIA **WERRIBEE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

Table TENNIS

FIRST SESSION IS ON US!

LOCATION: 35 BALLAN ROAD
WERRIBEE 3030
VIC

CONTACT: 0432 485 591

allinag@anz.com



St Joseph's by the sea

CONTEMPLATE AND REFLECT ON
'What moves us?' and
'What is God asking of us?'
in the lead up to the Plenary Council
2020.

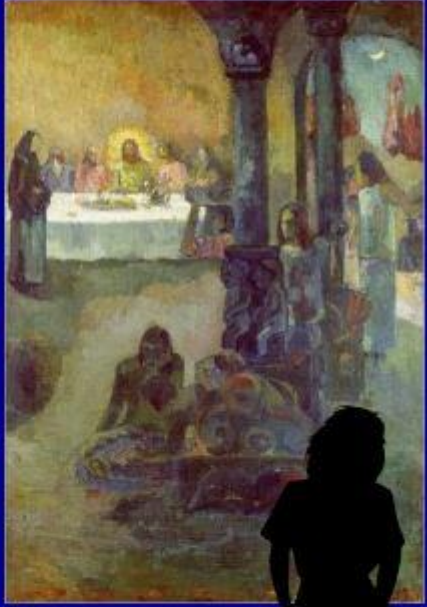
A PLACE AT THE TABLE

1.30 – 3.00 pm 18th April

WOMEN AT THE LAST SUPPER ?

Contemplating contemporary art
a conversation with
Therese Quinn rsj

Come early to hear
classical guitar
pieces performed
by David Taig.




ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA
16 ESPLANADE WILLIAMSTOWN

RSVP: admin.sosjw@sosj.org.au
TEL: 9397 6012
Refreshments provided Donation: \$10

Expressing SPIRITUALITY THROUGH ART, MUSIC, PERFORMANCE AND LITERATURE

Paul Gauguin: The Last Supper



MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE

OPEN DAY
SUNDAY 2 JUNE
10:00am - 1:00pm
REGISTER ONLINE TO ATTEND

133 Maidstone Street Altona www.msj.vic.edu.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

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors; excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

