

# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2019

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### Dear Parents

What a wonderful turn up we had again to celebrate Grandparents / Special Friends Day. It was fantastic to see so many children sitting with their grandparents/special friends in the Church to celebrate mass. After mass they were then rushed off to the classrooms to see what the children had prepared for them. Some had to be very conscious of time so they could get around to all the classrooms they needed to. Then it was over to the hall for a cuppa with scones, cream and jam and some more entertainment from our school choir.

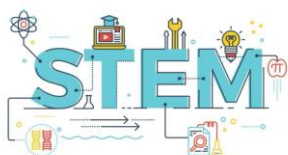
A day like this doesn't just happen so thank you to all those who contributed in one way or another. A special thank you to Matt Taylor our R.E Leader for his organisation of the mass. To Angela Hamilton & Cathy Sims for their organisation of the music and the choir. Thank you and congratulations to all the members of our school choir who sang so beautifully in the church and then entertained the large crowd at morning tea. Well Done! To Marg Masseni for her organisation of the Morning Tea. To all the staff that assisted in one way or another. Thank you.

Thank you to some of our school leaders who helped serving food at the morning tea and cleaning up afterwards: Kiana H, Zed D, Thomas P, Rachel C, Summer L, Isabella M, Eliza P, Grace A & Alana V. They all did a fantastic job. Well Done!

### BUSH DANCE:

Please mark this date in your diaries: **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. The Billy Tea Bush Band will run a number of sessions during the day with all of the children culminating with a 90 minute **Family Bush Dance in the early evening**. The Family Bush Dance will be held in **McCoy Hall, St. Paul's Campus**. Approx times: 6.00 - 9.00 pm. TBC. More details will follow. But a night not to be missed.

**There is a SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**



### STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) FAMILY NIGHT:

We will be having a STEM night on Tuesday 13th August at 7pm. Be prepared for a night of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths fun! Investigations will be set up around the Junior and Senior buildings and TRI Centre for you and your children to explore. More information to follow.



"Don't forget about your Scouts Monster Raffle tickets!!! More than 100 prizes to be won!!! 75% of all funds raised by St Mary's during the raffle goes directly back to the school community, that's \$1.50 for every \$2.00 ticket sold. It's a fantastic fundraiser for our school. There are plenty more tickets at the office if you sell out or didn't receive any. You have to be in it to win it....."

### FOOTY TIPPING:

We are getting toward the business end of the season. There are still 10 people within just 4 of the lead. The Jackpot this week is \$30. Good Luck!

### SCHOOL LEADERS PHOTOS:

School Leader photos (School Captain, House Captain, Wellbeing Leaders, Social Justice Leaders Choir Leader and JSC) are now available to be purchased by parents, online.

Photos are on display in the office foyer.

To order....

1. Go to the Elite School Photography website [www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au](http://www.eliteschoolphotography.com.au) and click **Order Now**.
2. Type in the password **espextras** and click continue.
3. Fill in the student details. Select the school in the drop down box
4. Under **Photograph Title**, ensure the correct name of the captain photograph is typed, eg: House Captains, JSC, Social Justice Leader etc...
5. Follow the prompts using your credit card details.
6. The photographs are available to be purchased for \$12 a copy

Please submit your order by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS:

A reminder that school will be closed next Monday 29<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July as staff will be away at a Staff Conference. Unfortunately not enough bookings were made for Out of School Hours Care to be available on these two days.

David Kelly  
Principal



### PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2019

PREP D	Keanu L for always trying his hardest and approaching challenges in a positive way
PREP L	Ethan K for always being a good listener and waiting his turn
YEAR 1/2D	Jakub W for showing great improvement in his focus towards his class work
YEAR 1/2G	Hayden P for approaching all tasks with a positive attitude and having a go
YEAR 1/2S	Ethan P for his great effort with reading
YEAR 1/2T	Hannah L for always completing her classroom tasks with care and thought
YEAR 3/4HT	Amelie C for the enthusiastic way she rises to challenges in Maths
YEAR 3/4K	Aiden M for coming into class with a positive attitude each morning
YEAR 3/4M	Zara A for her great involvement in class discussions this term
YEAR 5/6C	Sunniva M for her descriptive News Report about her holidays
YEAR 5/6H	Thomas A for his great involvement in science experiments
YEAR 5/6T	Isabella M for her positive mindset and ability to use her time effectively in class

### TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 29th July 2019

Friday:

Antoinette

Manager: Amy Xu

Tel: 9315 0799



### ST MARY'S CHOIR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!!

The Choir will be leading the singing at the First Eucharist Masses on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm** and **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm in the church**.

We also have now been invited to lead the singing on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September for our parish Father's Day Mass at 10.30 am.

**PUT THESE DATES IN OUR DIARY – A NOTE WILL BE COMING VIA CAREMONKEY SHORTLY**

Mrs. Angelia Hamilton  
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## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### Eucharist

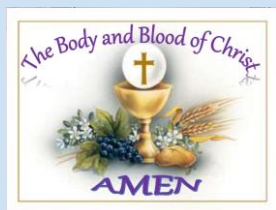
**Eucharist: –  
Shared meal:  
Tuesday 6th  
August.  
School Hall:  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**



Just a reminder that on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August we will celebrate our First Eucharist Shared Meal evening in the school hall, starting at **6pm**. Each family is asked to bring a **Meal Ready-To-Go** together with any **serving** utensils required. Also, B.Y.O. drinks and cups.

Plates, serviettes and cutlery will be provided.

**Eucharist: - Sacrament  
Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 6 pm  
Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 6 pm**



Seating will be reserved in the church for EACH FAMILY. Your reserved pew will be marked by a "Seat End" that will be made at a workshop following the shared meal.

### Special Dates

**30 Jul** International Day of Friendship  
**6 Aug** Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord  
**6 Aug** Hiroshima Day  
**8 Aug** Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)  
**9 Aug** International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples  
**15 Aug** Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

### Weekly Class Masses



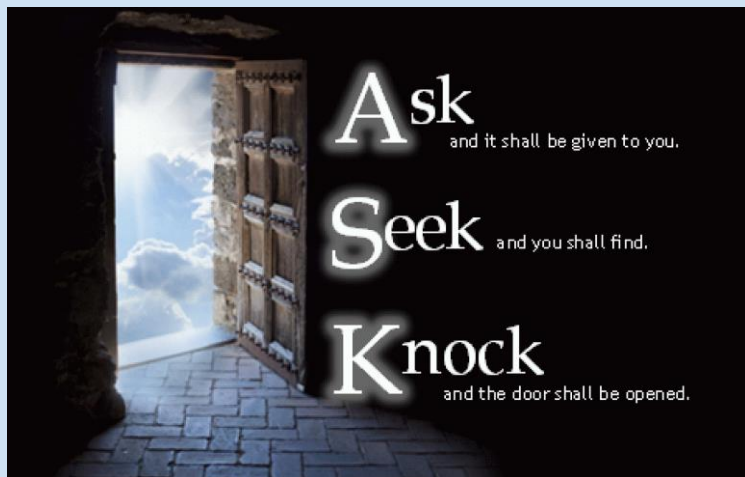
*We look forward to Thursday the 8th August, when we will celebrate the Feast of Mary MacKillop with a whole school mass in the church at 9:15 am lead by the children of 5/6T.*

*We then look forward to Friday 9th Aug, when Year 5/6C will lead the celebration of the Mass at 9:15 am. This will also be the celebration of Luca Devetak's First Holy Communion and Year 3/4HT will be in attendance.*

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

### **This weekend's Gospel**

**Luke 11: 1-13**



*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

### **Grandparent's & Special Person's Day**

**It was lovely to see so many grandparents and special people in the lives of our children celebrating the mass with us today. As Fr Michael said in his homily, it is to such as these we turn when we seek to know our 'story' for they are the keepers of the stories of their generation and we are blessed to have and learn from them.**

### *A Grandparents Prayer*

*God, thank you for blessing my child with children that I love unconditionally.*

*I pray that you watch over, protect and guide them through a long and healthy life.*

*Give my grandchildren the courage to follow their dreams & stand for their beliefs.*

*Should the time come that I leave the Earth please bless that I have left them with the certainty that my love for them is forever and always.*

### **BAPTISM**

*We congratulate the following student on the celebration of his Baptism recently:*

*William Bainger*

*Welcome to the Faith and to Mary Help of Christian's community from all of us here at St Mary's School.*





## What's on August, 2019

16 Esplanade Williamstown

9397 6012

admin.sjbtsw@sosj.org.au

### 1st August

10 am till Midday

#### Let's Be Crafty

A mixture of teaching new skills and BYO craft offered monthly.

Donations welcome



### 3rd August

11 am to 1 pm

#### Earth Rituals—Carmel Cramerl rsj and Margie Abbott, rsm

Earth rituals and prayers help us to celebrate the interconnected-ness of all that is. A ritual is created out of participants' reflections, ideas, thoughts, actions and poetry.

BYO lunch to share.



A 'Jesus Mafa' Painting

### 8th August

7.30 to 8.30 pm

#### Joy of the Gospel—Unnamed Penitent Woman (Luke 7:36-50)

(Year C—Year of Luke) Lectio Divina prayer, praying the scriptures contemplatively as living word for us all today will be held on Thursdays from 7.30—8.30 p.m..

Cost **Free**

All Welcome.



### 21st August

7.00 to 8.30 pm

#### Ecology—Focused Shift in Consciousness.—Carmel Cramerl, rsj.

What do we mean by the New Cosmology?

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.

Cost **Free**



### 22nd August

1.30 p.m and

7.30 p.m

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

Art, Women and Modern Day Spirituality': Hosted by Josephine Cafagna

- ♦ Giovanni Farquer, rsj and
- ♦ Anmaree Iaccarino.

Donations welcome



RSVP 2 days prior to any session would be appreciated



# INFORMATION MORNING

## NOTRE DAME CAMPUS


**Saturday 10 August**  
9.00am - 10.00am

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**Emmanuel College**

Notre Dame Campus  
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Point Cook  
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## Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club

# RECRUITING JUNIORS

(And their families)

Aussie T-Ball ages 4 to 7  
Junior Baseball ages 7 to 17


### 2019 FREE COME AND TRY DAYS

10am - 12 noon

<b>Sunday 1 Sept (Father's Day)</b> <b>Melbourne Ballpark</b> Merton St, Altona Meadows	<b>Sunday 15 Sept</b> <b>Greenwich Reserve</b> The Strand, Newport
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For more information, contact us at:  
[juniors.wbc@gmail.com](mailto:juniors.wbc@gmail.com)

# COMMIT TO BE FIT







## WEST PCYC HOBSONS BAY

### TRAINING DETAILS

All Youth & Families are encouraged to attend & participate in these community night activities!

**SCHEDULE** Every Monday & Wednesday - 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
**GYM ADDRESS** West Gate Sports Centre - 61 Deherby's Road, Altona North  
**SESSION COST** \$3 Per Youth Participant (10 - 18 years old)  
**MORE DETAILS** 03 9389 6622 - Martin / 0404 120 549 - Shane

RESPECT, BOXING SKILLS, DISCIPLINE, FITNESS & FUN

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## ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

**Saturday 10 August**  
10.30am - 11.30am

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## Fundraising Dinner & Auction

**WHEN**  
**Friday 30th August 2019**  
Commences 6.30pm with canapés  
7.00pm soup

**WHERE**  
**Mount St Joseph Girls' College**  
133 Maidstone St, Altona

**COST**  
\$40.00pp (3 course meal, BYO drinks)

**TICKETS**  
Call MMHC (03) 9926 9300  
RSVP Friday 23rd August 2019