



St Mary's school, Altona Newsletter 2016

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Dear Parents

I am writing to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools. Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this and we practice it throughout the year.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

If you have any questions please contact me.

I would like to remind all parents that children are not to arrive at school BEFORE 8.30 am. Any children that do arrive before this time MUST report to the School Office Foyer and remain there until Playground Supervision commences at 8.30 am. Then they remain on the Netball Court or for Preps and Year One/Two Junior Adventure Playground.

It is important that children remain in these areas as they are the ONLY areas that are supervised.

No children are allowed to remain on the Basketball Court, oval or Senior Adventure Playground before School.

After School children need to wait to be collected on the Netball Court and on or near the Junior Adventure Playground as again these are the only areas that are supervised.

Please DO NOT ask your children to wait for you on the Basketball Court or Senior Adventure Playground.

Children found in these areas without a parent present will be asked to return to the supervised areas.

LITERACY ROOM RESOURCES:

We have nearly completed the relocation of all of our Literacy Room resources as we needed the classroom for the new class we created this year.

We have relocated some of these in the centre area of Building Two so we would ask that from now on there is **no parent access** to this building through the double doors facing the netball court. Please could you enter your child's classroom through the external door to that particular classroom.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PREPS:

Only need to wear their Sports Uniform on Thursdays during February.

No school for Preps on Wednesday's during February

OPENING SCHOOL YEAR MASS & BBQ:

Wednesday 17th February - 6.00 pm.

All families are invited to join us for mass in the church. Our new Preps will sing a special Reflection song after communion. All families and friends are then invited to join the staff in the school grounds for a BBQ and drinks. The Parents & Friends Committee are organising the BBQ and drinks but they need some assistance. **PLEASE Don't leave this to that famous person SOMEONE ELSE!**

The P & F have all the information needed for the organisation of the night they just need people to assist. Please fill in the form attached to this newsletter and return it to school ASAP.

Thank you in anticipation for your assistance and involvement

PREP / YEAR 6 BUDDY FAMILY NIGHT:

Will be held on Friday 26th February from 6.00 - 8.00 pm. in the school grounds. Prep families will receive their invitations next week. Please mark this date in your diary as it is a night not to be missed for our Prep and Year 6 families

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: FOR YEAR 7 in 2017

Friday 26 February Applications for Year 7 CLOSE.

Friday 22 April 2016 Offers of places to prospective Year 7 students are posted.

FREE:

Solid wooden desk in reasonable condition (1500x760x710)
It has 3 lockable drawers with key.

Only on offer for this week.

If interested please contact the school office.

David Kelly.
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH



*Loving God,
you have loved us from our first moments, and your love has
enriched our lives each day.*

*Bless us in our families and friends together, in the
understanding of how to live your word, and how to take it out
into the world. Through our words and actions, may others
come to know your love, and the whole world begin to sing your
praises. Amen*

Sacramental Dates for 2016.

CONFIRMATION: Sunday, 6th March 3pm

RECONCILIATION: Wednesday, 8th June 7:00pm

FIRST EUCHARIST: Saturday, 20th Aug – 6.00 pm

Sunday, 21st Aug – 10:30 am

*(Further information for the relevant year levels will follow
closer to each date)*



*On Wednesday 10th February all Year 1 to 6 students
will be attending the 9:15am morning mass to celebrate
Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Please
come and join the children in prayer.*

Bishop Vincent Long will visit the year six students next
Wednesday the 10th February to talk about their
upcoming sacrament – Confirmation

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

* All members of our community who are sick or
in need of our prayerful support.

Olive Chodowski - REL

*'Be patient and work generously
in the service of our Divine Lord.'*

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop-1898

ON PSYCH – Providing psychological services to
students.

Our School Psychologist, Brooke Fielke will begin her
work with us again next Wednesday 10th February.
Brooke visits our school fortnightly and offers
professional help to some of our students with simple
problems like making friends to more complex issues
such as anxiety, social skills and behavioural problems
at home and school, just to name a few. Brooke also has
experience working with ASD children.

If you feel that your child would benefit from working with
Brooke, please see or email me
(mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au) and I will pass
on the necessary information you will need.

Margaret Masseni
Deputy Principal / Student Wellbeing Leader

NEWSLETTER ONLINE

From week one of Term Two 2016 the Newsletter will
be available on the school website only. If you
require a hard copy, please email your request to
ksmith@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP

In 2016 the uniform shop will be open:

Monday 8.30am - 9.00am

Wednesday 2.30pm - 3.00pm

The Uniform Shop now has a dedicated email
address. You may complete and scan an order
directly to them. You may also simply write a clear list
of your requirements including size etc. Always
include the name of your eldest child, their class, your
contact details and the method of payment you have
used.

Payment can be made by direct bank transfer or cash
or cheque left at the School Office in a clearly marked
envelope.

The email address is

stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com

The Uniform Shop is run by parent volunteers who
are aware that not all families can visit them during
their opening hours. This is an initiative that they
hope will be helpful to all. Any feedback is welcome,
please direct it to Mrs Pedley in the School Office.

PARENT CONTACT DETAILS

If your contact details have changed recently, please
speak to or email Mrs Pedley in the School Office with
the updated telephone numbers/addresses.

vpedley@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

EMAIL ADDRESSES

To help with effective communication between the
School Office and families, could all families please
forward their current email addresses to
vpedley@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 1st February



Friday

Paula Luppino

Manager: Eva Coppola

Tel: 9315 0799

TUCKSHOP NEWS

HELP NEEDED - the Tuckshop needs your help on
either

Wednesday, Thursday or Friday 12.30pm – 2.00 pm.

If you are able to assist on any of these days or would
like more information, please contact the School Office.
Thank you.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS AND BBQ VOLUNTEER FORM

Please complete and return to Parents and Friends via School Office.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Eldest Child's Name: _____ Year: _____

I am available to help during the Opening School Mass and BBQ on **Wednesday 17th February:**

☐ Purchasing goods / drinks before the evening []
(Amounts are known)

☐ BBQ: cooking the BBQ during the School Mass, starting at 6.00 pm []

☐ Selling tickets for Food []

☐ Assist with the distribution of food []

☐ Pack Up at the end of the night []

☐ Happy to assist wherever needed []

Please return to school office ASAP.

Thank you,

David Kelly