



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

We have survived a very hot start to Term 4. On Wednesday a very excited and somewhat apprehensive group of Year 4's headed off to Wombat Corner for a 3 day camp. The weather has been very kind and a fantastic time has been had by all. It has been difficult posting photos but once back at school we will post a whole lot of photos. At the printing time of this newsletter they were all safely on the bus heading back to school.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS:

Our next school closure day is **Tuesday 27th October**. We will be working with Sister Lorraine Testa on Scripture and Faith Development. Out of School Hours Care will operate on this day so please enrol online with Camp Australia. For our school closure day on **Monday 2nd November** Out of School Hours Care will only operate if we have a minimum of 18 children enrolled. Again please enrol online with Camp Australia and/or discuss with Liz from OSHC.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS TERM:

Thursday 29th October - Prep 2016 Information Night in TRI Centre.
Friday 6th November - School Sports at Altona Little Athletics Track.
Friday 20th November - Big Day Out for Year 5 students.
Wednesday 2nd December - ARTS SPECTACULAR. Commencing at 6.00 pm. in the church.
Friday 11th December - End of Year Reports go home.
Tuesday 15th December - Transition Day for Year 1 - Year 6 classes for 2016.
Tuesday 15th December - Year 6 Graduation Mass, Dinner & Disco.
Thursday 17th December - 9.15 am. End of School Year Mass
Thursday 17th December - Last day for students.
Friday 18th December - Last day for Staff.

David Kelly.

Principal.

principal@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

OCTOBER

Saturday 10 th	St. Mary's Cocktail Party – 7.30 pm
Monday 12 th	Prayer Assembly Year 1/2's - 2.40 pm
Tuesday 13 th	School Education Board Meeting 7.30 pm.
Friday 16 th	Prep Breakfast - 8.00 am in the hall.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 12th October



Wednesday	Pauline Luppino
Thursday	Marylinda Abate
Friday	Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS
2.30 – 3.00 PM**



DIVISIONAL ATHLETICS

Congratulations and well done to Ryan, Ben and Michelle who competed in the Divisional Athletics Carnival before the holidays. Although they didn't go on the next level of competition, they participated well and enjoyed their events.



Building Resilience for Successful Transitions **Parent Seminar**

Do you want resilient Children?

Come along and listen to Lyn Longaretti speak on the subject.

Where: St Mary's School Altona

When: Wednesday 21st October 2015

Time: 7pm — 8.30pm

RSVP via the form sent home this week or email mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au There is a copy of the form on the school website (NEWS: Notes and Forms)



WELLBEING ARTICLES

Look out for the latest Wellbeing Article on the School Website (Home page & WELLBEING: Resources for Parents) and also on our Facebook page. New article: RESILIENCE Kids Matter article

WE'VE HAD A FEW REPLIES BUT HELP IS STILL NEEDED.....

ST MARY'S SCHOOL SPORTS – Friday 6th NOVEMBER 2015



New programs in Term 4

End of Year Cheer Dance: Monday lunchtime (Starts Monday 12th Oct)

Super Spring Sports: Friday afternoon (Started today)

Contact Tim for more information: 0417 500 870



WALK TO SCHOOL

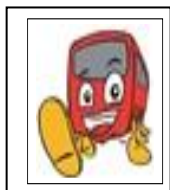
Our MONTHLY 'OCTOBER' WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY will be on **16th OCTOBER**.

We will record house points as we normally do on this day.

To help you come to school in an active way we will also run our WALKING SCHOOL BUSES on the following days

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER, TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER & THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER

Two Meeting points:
Esplanade & Cnr Sargood St (beach side of the road) AND
Cnr of Mc Intyre Drive & Civic Pde
Meeting Time: 8.15am



Walk Starting Time: 8.20 am

We have organised parents to supervise the walk so you can drop your children at the meeting point and know that they will get to school safely

OR

Join in the walk yourself. Parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, dogs and prams...everyone welcome! (Have a coffee with some other parents on your way back to get the car!)

We do ask that your children don't ride bikes or scooters unless you are with them – this would be much harder for other parents to supervise.

Please RSVP asap using the form sent home this week or via email mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au There is a copy of the form on the school website.

Margaret Masseni

Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader

mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

Parents and Friends News



2015 Cocktail Party

It's finally here! The much anticipated St. Mary's Cocktail Party is **tomorrow night**. We're looking forward to having a drink and a boogie with staff, parents & friends of St. Mary's Altona, whilst raising money for our favourite school.

The door list is printed so for those of you who have purchased tickets we'll see you at: 7.30pm

TIME:

VENUE:

The Royal Yacht Club
120 Nelson Place Williamstown

PARKING:

The large gates will be open until 8.30pm and there is parking available in the carpark. After 8.30 pm please press the intercom for entry.

Please note: there are no printed tickets for entry, names will be checked off a door list when you arrive. You'll also be issued with an Airodrome discount voucher as you enter which will be your ticket in our door prize draw on the night.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL DISCO

The end of term School Disco was a huge success yet again. Both Junior and Senior students had a terrific time jumping and bopping to the music. A big thank you to Penny Ealem for all her time and effort in the organising of the event which also included games with the children. Thank you also to our DJ Dwain for doing such a great job, he hit the spot with all the kids favourites. To all the parents who helped on the night a huge Thank You! The Parents & Friends committee really appreciate the time and effort everyone put in to make it such a successful night. We must also mention the good behaviour of all the students on the night. Well Done All.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT ST. MARYS

Access for users of OSHC is via the McBain Street gate.

Camp Australia

WE MAKE KIDS SMILE!

Phone: 1300 105 343 / (03) 9398 4065

www.campaustalia.com.au

Learn music

here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, here at St. Mary's Altona.

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 \$16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4.

Interested parents should call Marika during office hours on 9818 2333

 Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au



MOUNT ST JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE OPEN DAY SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

All local community members are invited to our Open Day on Sunday 11th October from 11.00 am – 2.00 pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to see our school in action, meet staff and students and learn about how our College specialises in the education of girls.

Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the school on 8398 2000 or emailing the College Registrar, Sherri Collins at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au Now accepting applications for 2016 and 2017.

ALTONA LIFE SAVING CLUB

Information Day

Sunday 11th October 2015

Altona Lifesaving Clubrooms, 127 The Esplanade Altona

Enquiries email: nippers@altonalsc.com.au

Website: <http://www.altonalsc.com.au/>

1ST ALTONA SCOUT GROUP

Kids learn about the community, sports, camping and can earn badges to show their achievements. Older kids get a chance to become a leader of a group before transitioning to the Scout group. The group meets on Tuesday nights from 7 – 8.30 pm.

For more information Contact Jodi Martin Cub Scout Leader 0418 564 424 or jodi_scouts@bigpond.com



Can you help for part or the whole day?

WE NEED as many parents, older brothers/sisters, uncles / aunties, grandparents as possible to help the Sports Day run smoothly.

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Please complete this form and return it to Mrs Masseni as soon as possible.

I AM ABLE TO HELP ON SPORTS DAY

- ☐ I can help set up ... 8.00am – 9.00am (all or part of that time)
- ☐ I can help on events 9.30am – 11.00am or 11.30 – 1.00pm
- ☐ I can help to pack up & clean up 1.00pm – 1.30pm and / or 2.30pm
- ☐ I can help between and
- ☐ I have a Working with Children Check (it's okay if you don't – they are easy to get – we can help!)

Helper's Name.....

Child's Name & Grade.....

Contact No.

Email Address.....