



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2015

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Dear Parents

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I announce that Mrs Margaret Masseni has accepted the role of Deputy Principal for next year. She will continue with her Student Wellbeing role as well as some classroom responsibility. I have advertised this week for a Physical Education teacher to work 3 days - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next year.

It is also with pleasure that I announce that Ms Alyce McConnell will join our staff next year as a classroom teacher. Alyce will be here on Tuesday from 11.30 - 1.30 pm to meet her class during our Transition Day for our current Preps to Year Fives. All students will spend this time with the teacher they will have next year, in the classroom they will be in with the other children that will be in their class.

FINAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY & THANKYOU AFTERNOON TEA:

This will take place on Monday 14th December, commencing at 2.15 pm in the Church (Please note earlier time and change of location). There will be a farewell presentation to Mrs Gwenda Burnett from the Parents & Friends on behalf of the school community at this assembly, so all parents, past and present are most welcome to attend. After this Assembly we will move over to the hall for our Thank you Afternoon Tea for all our Parents Helpers throughout the year but all parents are invited to attend to also farewell Gwenda.

THE ATHLETE'S FOOT SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM:

The Athlete's Foot Store at Highpoint will donate \$5.00 to our school for every pair of shoes purchased between now and the end of February 2016. This includes school, sports, work and casual shoes. You just need to say you are from St. Mary's, Altona. Hopefully this is a mutually beneficial way to kick off our fundraising for 2016. A flyer with more information will accompany our last newsletter next Thursday. Feel free to mention this to family and friends.

2016 CLASS BOOK LISTS:

Year One - Year Six Book Lists are attached to this newsletter. It can also be accessed from our website, News, Notes & Forms.

NATIVITY PLAY – Once again, as part of the Vigil Mass this year we will be having a Nativity Play. **Rehearsals will take place on Sunday 13th & 20th December from 11.30am to 12.30pm in the Church.** Children are expected to attend all 3 rehearsals, however if this is a problem please let a member of the Children's Liturgy know or phone Lucy at the Parish House on 9398 2964.

David Kelly.
Principal.

principal@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following children who received Principals Awards on Monday:

PREP HM	Georgia R & Trinity E
PREP S	Charlie S & Ruby R
1/2HK	Keyon'Dre F & Brodie C
1/2ST	Stella L & Jeremy C
1/2D	Harrison N & Joshua J
2/3S	Lucas M & Monae S
3/4M	Hannah E & Aiden V
3/4L	Oliver J & Sara A
4/5G	Cooper P & Evelyn N
5/6VT	Dblanchi T & Mia V
5/6C	Mulunesh T & Tahlia S

ADVENT PREPARATION - FOR CHRISTMAS 2015

Sun	13 Dec	7.30pm	Carols by Candlelight Logan Reserve, Queen St Altona
Tue	15 Dec	6.00pm	St. Mary's School Graduation Mass
Wed	16 Dec	7.00pm	Ecumenical Advent Service
Thurs	17 Dec	9.15am	End of Year School Mass

RECONCILIATION

Sat	19 Dec	5.30pm	1 st Rite (individual Confessions)
Mon	21 Dec	4-5pm	Maltese & English Confessions
Tue	22 Dec	7.00pm	Reconciliation 2 nd Rite

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Thurs	24 Dec	6.30pm	Carol/Nativity Play
		7.00pm	Family Mass
		11.30pm	Carols
Fri	25 Dec	12.00am	Midnight Mass
		10.30am	Christmas Day Mass

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2016 SACRAMENTAL DATES

Confirmation: Sunday 6th March - 3pm

Reconciliation: Wednesday 8th June - 7pm

First Communion: Saturday 20th August - 6pm

Sunday 21st August-10.30am

Advent Liturgies Date.

Week 4: Prep HM, Prep S, Year1/2ST, 2/3S

- Wednesday 16th December at 12:30am.

Year 6 Graduation Mass: Tuesday 15th Dec - 6pm.

End of Year Mass: Thursday 17th Dec - 9.15am.

An Advent Thought

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."

-Mother Teresa



Social Justice News

AN ADVENT REMINDER FOR ALL FAMILIES TO HELP OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY CHARITIES;

BY DONATING TOWARDS EACH CLASSROOM'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER.

Suggestions include;

(non-perishable food items, new toys, games or books etc.) THANK YOU.

Marie and Mairead - Social Justice Leaders,

A big thank-you to Mairead and Marie on a very successful year as Social Justice Leaders. They were worthy and hard-working students who took on a very challenging leadership role. Congratulations girls and may you continue to be examples of justice to others.

Please pray for:

- *All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.*
- *Our graduating Year Six students as they take the next step in their life journey.*

Olive Chodowski REL

"God will take care of us all."

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 1871.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

DECEMBER

Monday 14th Kelly Sports Dance Performance 1.30 pm
School Captains & Staff Assembly –
2.15 pm Start & Parent Thank you
Afternoon Tea

Tuesday 15th Transition Day for Year 1 – 6 Students
Year 6 Graduation Mass,
Dinner & Disco

Thursday 17th End of School Year Mass – 9.15 am
Last Day of School for Students
3.20 pm Finish

Friday 18th Last Day for Staff

NORMIE THE GNOME



Normie the Gnome is awarded to the House Team who keeps their part of the yard the cleanest. This week's winner is:

ALL TEAMS

TUCKSHOP HELPERS -

Week beginning 14th December

Wednesday Caroline Cassar

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

UNIFORM SHOP HELPER NEEDED!

The Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday Afternoons 2.30 -3.00 pm. We are currently looking for volunteers to help out with the Uniform shop. If you are interested please contact Mrs Valda Pedley at the School Office.

DISTRICT SWIMMING TEAM 2016

We are looking at holding four training / trialling sessions for our District Swimming Team in 2016.

Where: BayFit Leisure Centre in Mason St, Altona North

When: 1st, 3rd, 5th & 8th February - 7am - 8am.

Breakfast will be provided back at school Transport back to school will be via mini bus and private cars.

Cost: Approx \$6 per session

If you missed out on the note this week, please email Mrs Masseni with your expression of interest or collect a note from outside the staff room.

Margaret Masseni

Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader

mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT ST. MARYS

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

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For Out of School Hours Care at St. Marys

(CAMP AUSTRALIA) bookings or cancellations please contact them direct.

**THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA
& FAREWELL TO GWENDA BURNETT**

TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT DURING
THIS YEAR AND TO GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO WISH
GWENDA THE BEST OF LUCK,
WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE STAFF FOR
AFTERNOON TEA



ON
MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER
AT 3.00 – 4.00 PM
IN



THE SCHOOL HALL FOLLOWING OUR FINAL ASSEMBLY.

(Children will be supervised outside)

N.B. ASSEMBLY WILL BE IN THE CHURCH
STARTING AT 2.15pm

The Staff of St. Mary's



**TWO COOL WEEKS
IN A LONG HOT
SUMMER**

11-15 AND 18-22 JANUARY 2016

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY - FITNESS AND AQUATIC CENTRE FOOTSCRAY

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conducts a music program
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dren an excellent grounding in music
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Tuition costs from \$16.20 per lesson and
enrolments are now being accepted for
limited places in term 1, 2016.

Interested parents should call Marika dur-
ing office hours on 9818 2333

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2016 CLASS BOOK LISTS

In an effort to save some money in 2016 and as several of the items below you would already have, All items need to be clearly marked with your child's name and ready for use from the first day in 2016. We ask that you provide your child with the following items.

YEAR ONE 6 -HB grey lead pencils 1 - pkt coloured pencils 1 - large pencil case 1 - pkt textas 1 - sharpener 1 - eraser 1 - art smock 1 - library bag 2 - large pkt tissues to share 1 - school hat 2 - large Bostik type glue stick 2 per term 1 - 30cm ruler (wooden 2.8cm wide)	YEAR TWO 6- HB grey lead pencils 1 - pkt coloured pencils 1 - large pencil case 1 - pkt textas 1 - sharpener 1 - eraser 1 - art smock 1 - library bag 2 - large pkt tissues to share 1 - school hat 2 - large Bostik type glue stick - <u>2 per term</u> 1 - 30 cm ruler (wooden 2.8cm wide)
YEAR THREE 6 - HB pencils 1 - pkt colored pencils - full length 1 - pencil case 1 - eraser 1 - sharpener 1 - 30cm ruler (wooden - 2.8cm width) (not metal) 1 - art smock 1 - library bag 2 - large boxes tissues to share 8 - large Bostik/UHU glue – <u>2 per term</u> 1 - pair of scissors 2 - red ball point pens	YEAR FOUR 2 - HB pencils 1 - pkt colored pencils - full length 1 - pencil case 2 - eraser 1 - sharpener 1 - 30cm ruler (not metal) 1 - art smock 1 - library bag 2 - large boxes tissues to share 8 - large Bostik/UHU glue stick – <u>2 per term</u> 1 - pair of scissors 2 - red ball point pens 2 - blue pens (not needed until Term 3)
YEAR FIVE 1 - ruler 30 cm (not metal) 1 - pkt coloured pencils 4 - blue ball point pens 1 - pencil case (standard size) 4 - red ball point pens 1 - pkt textas 4 - HB pencils 2 - erasers 2 - Highlighters 1 - sharpener 1 - calculator 1 - art smock USB or flash drive (optional) 1 - library bag 2 - large boxes tissues to share 2 - glue sticks 35gm.(replace as required) 1 - scissors We encourage that each child has their own copy of the Australian Oxford Principal Thesaurus and Australia Oxford Primary Dictionary to use <u>at home</u> .	YEAR SIX 1 - ruler 30 cm (not metal) 1 - pkt coloured pencils 4 - blue ball point pens 1 - pencil case (standard size) 4 - red ball point pens 1 - pkt textas 4 - HB pencils 2 - erasers 2 - Highlighter 1 - sharpener 1 - calculator 1 - art smock USB or flash drive (optional) 1 - library bag 2 - large boxes tissues to share 2 - glue sticks 35gm. (glue sticks need frequent replacing) 1 - scissors We encourage that each child has their own copy of the Australian Oxford Principal Thesaurus and Australia Oxford Primary Dictionary to use <u>at home</u> .