



St Mary's school Altona Newsletter 2016

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Dear Parents

OPENING SCHOOL YEAR MASS & BBQ: This 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. Thank you to the **COUPLE OF PEOPLE** who have offered to help but we need more assistance. Please fill in the form in last week's newsletter or simply send an email to principal@smaltona.catholic.edu.au **PLEASE Don't leave this to that famous person SOMEONE ELSE!** 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. Invitations have been sent home with today's newsletter. Please mark this date in your diary as it is a night not to be missed for our Prep and Year 6 families.

CSEF:

Families who hold a valid means-tested concession card or who are temporary foster parents are eligible to apply to the Victorian Government Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund. \$125 per year will be paid for eligible primary students. A CSEF Application form can be found in last weeks newsletter or can be accessed from our website.

I strongly encourage ALL FAMILIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS FUNDING TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Further information on the fund can be viewed at the Victorian Government Department of Education and Training website.

SCHOOL FEES 2016:

School fee statements will be sent home as soon as all costs for all year levels have been finalised. However the Curriculum Levy (\$220 per child) and the Excursion Levy (\$60 per child) are due and payable by Friday 11th March. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or direct bank transfer to the school account. BSB: 083347 Account Number 644450867, please put your child's name as reference. Direct Debit forms for bank accounts or credit cards are now available from the School Office. If you had a direct debit arrangement last year, you **MUST** fill out a new authority for 2016. Regular payments are an increasingly popular way to pay your school fees. Please contact Mrs Pedley in the School Office if you have any questions.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS:

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.

David Kelly.
Principal.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

New School Year Mass Celebration:



Parents and friends are invited to attend the Opening Mass to welcome the new school year on Wednesday 17th Feb at 6pm.

CHOIR

All Choir members are expected to be at church by 5.45pm. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION NEWS:

Thank you to all the Year Six parents who attended the Information and Registration session last week run by Richard Hallett for St Mary's Parish.

Thank you also to the parents who have already contacted Nicole Singleton about being able to help with the placement of Names on the Confirmation Stoles. She still needs helpers please - on Tues 16/2, Fri 19/2, Tues 23/2, Fri 26/2 and then Tues 1/3 (only if needed). Your assistance is very much appreciated.

On Wednesday 10th February the children received a special visit from Bishop Vincent Long, who will be the main celebrant at their Confirmation. He spoke about the meaning of the sacraments and what Confirmation means to them.

LENT

God our Father, as we begin this holy season of Lent, help us to see that your merciful love is with us always.

*As we journey through these forty days of Lent. Help us to see Jesus in everyone we meet, And to serve him in all persons, Especially the poor, the sick and the lonely. By your grace, may our prayers and sacrifices this Lent help us grow closer to each another and to you, as one family in Jesus.
Amen.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Olive Chodowski - REL

'Remember we are but travellers here.'

- St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop-1867

TUCKSHOP NEWS

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 15th February



Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Shelley Nugent
Marylinda Abate
Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

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.

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

WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

COME ALONG IN AN ACTIVE WAY AND GET HOUSE POINTS FOR YOUR TEAM.



2016 DISTRICT SWIMMING TEAM

Congratulations to the following children who attended early morning Swim Training and have been rewarded for their efforts with a place in our School Swimming Team.

Sara A, Anna A, Mai A, Luke C, Erin C, James C, Liam C, Zed D, Jack D, Kate E, Hannah E, Mila F, Lachland G, Emma H, Thomas K, Marcus K, Ella L-S, Jesse L-S, Gab M, Isla M, Giles M, Mark M, Grace M, Michelle N, Justin N, Mickayla N, Bridie O'C, Ciara O'C, Millie P, Michael P, Thomas P, Ally S, Lauren W, Thomas W, Shannon W and Jacob Y.

Congratulations to our team Captains – Jack Dowling & Mickayla Norman

THANKS to the many parents and staff who helped out in so many ways – collecting money, supervising children, timing events, making breakfast, transporting children, cleaning up and taking care of me!

ALTONA HOCKEY CLUB

REGISTRATION NIGHT FOR 2016

THURSDAY 18TH FEB, 5-8pm



TEAMS from U/8 to U/18

BOYS & GIRLS

**OR BEGINNER'S HOCKEY PROGRAM
FOR 5-10 YR OLDS**

Cost \$60: inc Equipment Pack & 5 sessions

**REGISTRATION/COME & TRY: MONDAY
FEB 15TH 5-6pm**

NEW PROGRAM STARTING.

MONDAYS 6-7pm

Feb 15th – March 21st

**ADDRESS: SUGARGUM DRIVE, ALTONA
MORE INFORMATION:**

www.altonahc.org.au

OR Karen

Symons: peterjsymons@hotmail.com

0421 373 573

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Wynbay Blue Light will be running it's 1st 2016 event on the 12th of Feb.

7 – 9:30pm, Primary school age children.
Point Cook Community & Learn Centre
\$8 entry - Great prizes & fun

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPHS' GIRLS COLLEGE Welcome to our New Principal

We welcome our new Principal Kate Dishon. Please join us in welcoming Kate at the Twilight Open Evening (Further details below).

MSJ Year 12 Graduates Shine

Congratulations to all our girls, their teachers, and their parents for another strong, academic year at MSJ. We congratulate Elizabeth Seychell (ATAR 98.0), Megan Prentice (ATAR 95.6) and Kira Arapidis (ATAR 94.4). We are very proud of our Year 12, 2015 Graduates.

Mount St Joseph Girls' College Twilight Open Evening

Tuesday 16th February 2016, 3pm – 7pm.

All local community members are invited to our Twilight Open Evening on **Tuesday 16th February from 3pm to 7pm**. Visitors will have the opportunity to speak with our families, students and staff members, meet our new Principal Kate Dishon and learn about how our College specialises in the education of girls.

Mount St. Joseph Girls' College Year 7, 2017 Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 16th February 2016, 7pm – 8pm.

Applications for **Year 7, 2017** will close on **26th February 2016**.

Limited places available for 2016

Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au or Ph: 8398 2000.

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Parents who have children between the ages of 4 years to grade six are welcome to bring their children to the 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' which takes place at the 10:30am Mass each Sunday (except on school holidays). During this 20 minute session children get the opportunity to share the Gospel story of the day on their level. This also gives parents the opportunity to participate more fully in the mass.

CAN YOU HELP? BOOK COVERING

We will send home the contact and the books and you would cover them and return them when they are done.

Please complete the form and return it to school ASAP.

Thank you very much,

Cathy Sims

Nancy Scuderi

P-2 Literacy Leader

3-6 Literacy Leader



Name.....

Child's Name.....

Class.....

I am available to cover books at home

WALKING SCHOOL BUS ON WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

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: 8.20am

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 – it's much harder for other parents to supervise)



Please complete the form below and return it to school a.s.a.p. so we will know how many children and adults are joining in.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS – THURSDAY 18TH FEB (Return to Mrs Masseni)

We will be there!!!!

- Esplanade & Cnr Sargood St (beach side of the road)
- Cnr of Mc Intyre Drive & Civic Pde (North side of Civic Pde)

Family name: _____

Eldest Child's Name & Grade: _____

Contact Phone No.: _____

No of children: _____ No. of Adults _____

I CAN HELP TO SUPERVISE – NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Do you have a working with Children Check? Yes or No

If not, please go to the Post Office to inquire. We'd love your help