



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2016

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Dear Parents,

We're about to embark on a journey to improve communications. The aim is to get you information in the most convenient form. We've been observing many schools turning their newsletter delivery to email, implementing a phone app and changing to more spontaneous communications.

We do need to get off paper for environmental and financial reasons but more importantly, we need to embrace mobile phones. Here's a bit of trivia, did you know that over 40% of all visits to our website are now coming from mobiles; this wasn't the case a year ago. So what will you see?

You'll see small incremental changes over the year as we try different things and reflect on the results. Your feedback is always welcome. Firstly we'll get the email system working and over the next few months will come the phone app.

For now, can you please subscribe to the email system on our website as this will become the mechanism to deliver to you the newsletter. Visit www.smaltona.catholic.edu.au and on the right hand side you'll see a 'subscribe to' button. We look forward to your feedback.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2016:

We support and pray for the following St. Mary's School children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, 6th March at 3.00 pm.

Confirmation Candidates 2016

Alessia Abate, Jade Azzopardi, Peter Azzopardi, Alannah Briffa, Micheal Cassar, Isabella Cassar, Luke Cooper, James Curran, Sienna Cutajar, Olivia DeSimone, Hannah DeSimone, Jack Dowling, Cody Harris, Hannah Jesaulenko, Faith Kissassi, Thomas Kruger, Issabella Luppino, Mark Misquitta, Joaquin Munoz, Michelle Nassim, Matthew Nevins, Justin Nguyen, Tam Nguyen, Maria Nguyen, Zachary Perry, Ella Longaretti-Schreppel, Tahlia Sepsic, Angelo Shute, Ethan Thorneycroft, Amelie Warby

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES:

Yesterday we had an Emergency Management Procedure - Evacuation Drill. All staff, students and visitors in the school at that time followed the procedures extremely well. All children moved to our Assembly Point on the oval in a calm and orderly manner. Within 5 minutes of the drill being called all staff, students and visitors had been accounted for and all areas of the school had been checked. Well done to everyone involved.

Next week we will have an Emergency Management Procedure - Internal Lockdown Drill.

The safety and wellbeing of all students in our care is a priority.

If anyone would like more details of our Emergency Management Procedures please contact me.

SCHOOL FEES 2016:

School fee statements were sent home today. Thank you to those families who have paid their Curriculum and Excursion Levies and to those who have been able to pay their fees in full.

A reminder that 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.

Regular payments are an increasingly popular way to pay your school fees, 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. Please contact Mrs Pedley in the School Office if you have any questions.

**David Kelly
Principal.**

EDUCATION IN FAITH

CONFIRMATION NEWS:

A reminder that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated next Sunday 6th March at 3pm. A final letter for all candidates will follow. Please keep these students in your prayers.



A big thank-you to the wonderful parents who have worked with Nicole Singleton to help with the placement of Names on the Confirmation Stoles. Many blessings and thanks to Marylinda Abate, Kim Said and Catherine Thorneycroft for their assistance. Also a big thank you to Nicole Singleton, who every year puts her hand-up to co-ordinate this whole process.

LENTEN PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Olive Chodowski - REL

"When I could not see my way God kept my heart full of trust to make all come right."

- St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop-1883

NORMIE THE GNOME



Normie the Gnome is awarded to the House Team who keeps their part of the yard the cleanest. For Week 4 the winning team is: **Green Team**

EDUCATING, PROTECTING AND EMPOWERING

Next Tuesday night 1st March St Leo's in Altona North will be hosting an eSmart Parent Workshop beginning at 7pm.

This 90 minute seminar will give you the answers to questions such as:

1. What do we mean by 'digital literacy' and 'digital safety'?
2. What are kids doing online? What are the popular sites?
3. How should I create home rules and boundaries regarding use of technology?
4. Where can I seek help and advice about my child's online behaviour?
5. What legalities are involved with online behaviours?

Facilitated by an expert from the eSmart Schools team, all the latest trends and research will be presented and strategies will be discussed to assist with the understanding of cybersafe behaviours.

The meeting will be held in their school library. The school address is 389 Mason St, Altona North. All welcome.

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation
Keeping children safe from violence



CBC / PCW OPEN DAY

Sunday 28th February 12.00 – 3.00pm

Enquiries: 9529 6611

Email: admin@cbcstkilda.com

Website: CBC St. Kilda www.cbcstkilda.com.au



Year 7, 2017 Enrolment Period is Closing.

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

Limited places available for 2016

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

Parent Seminar

Wednesday 16th March, 6.45pm- 8.15pm

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg will present an information session about anxiety and stress in young women. RSVP via rsvp@msj.vic.edu.au



PRINCIPAL AWARDS 22nd February

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| PrepHM | Tahlia Rajapakse |
| PrepS | Zoe De Bono |
| Year 1/2HK | Donovan Sarai |
| Year 1/2S | Amber Steinhardt |
| Year 1/2D | Miley Polo |
| Year 1/2G | Senan Dias |
| Year 3/4M | Cooper De Bono |
| Year 3/4S | Samantha Kakoullis |
| Year 3/4VH | Brodie Cousins |
| Year 5/6C | Ally Smedley |
| Year 5/6L | Matthews Nevins |
| Year 5/6M | Livinia Pace |

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT ST. MARYS

Camp Australia

WE MAKE KIDS SMILE!

Phone: 1300 105 343 / (03) 9398 4065

www.campaustalia.com.au

1731 Malvern Road, Glen Iris, Victoria 3146

info@campaustalia.com.au

Fax: (03) 8610 2044

For Out of School Hours Care at St. Marys (CAMP AUSTRALIA) bookings or cancellations please contact them direct.



CONGRATULATIONS to the Le- Faucheur family on the safe arrival of James Leonard Le-Faucheur, brother to Charlotte 1/2G

DOING IT RIGHT - Week 4

Thanks to everyone who has been Doing It Right around the school.

1/2S: Lila, Amber, Isabelle, Keely

1/2D: Tom, Gabby

3/4VH: Brodie

3/4M: Cooper

3/4S: Caitlyn

5/6M: Mulunesh

5/6C: Tam, James, Tahlia, Sienna, Elizabeth, Ryan, Issabella, Tegan, Anthony, Michael

5/6L: Jack, Kate

These children were awarded for having wonderful manners, helping a teacher, taking pride in the environment, making a friend feel happy when they were sad, working well with others, sharing school values, and loads of other great things!



WEDNESDAY FUN AND FITNESS

Come along and join in the activities at Wednesday Fun & Fitness.

Every Wednesday morning 8 – 8.30am on the basketball court.

Everyone welcome: Students, parents and siblings

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 29th February



Wednesday Cynthia Bitaks

Thursday

Friday

Paula Luppino

Manager: Eva Coppola

IMPORTANT DATES

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| 27/2 | Confirmation Rite of Election Mass 6 – 7pm |
| 28/2 | Confirmation Rite of Election Mass 10:30 – 11:30am |
| 29/2 | Year 5/6L Prayer Assembly |
| 6/3 | Confirmation |
| 8/3 | School Photos |
| 14/3 | Labour Day Holiday |
| 16/3 | P & F Meeting 7:30pm |
| 19/3 | National Day of Action Against Bullying |
| 21/3 | Walk to School Day |
| 21/3 | Year 5/6M Prayer Assembly |
| 24/3 | Holy Thursday - End of Term One |



UNIFORM SHOP

Open Wednesday Afternoon 2:30 - 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.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY day is TUESDAY 8th MARCH. Photo envelopes were sent home this week. If you wish to order a family

photograph, please contact the School Office for a family envelope. **Photograph envelopes should be returned to your child's teacher on Photo day**, please ensure that envelopes contain the EXACT MONEY. **NO CHANGE** is held at the School Office. All children should wear full summer uniform on that day. Those students who have sport on this day can bring their sports uniform to change into or alternatively just bring along their runners. **Please DO NOT WEAR your runners to school.**

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 collected from the School Foyer.

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.

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

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

Round 2 of our Summer Sports inter-school program, we played against Seaholme Primary. Both girls and mixed teams participated this week, which gave all the students much more of an opportunity to participate. Well done to all the winning teams and keep up the great work with training and going forward into round 3.

Results from Round 2 vs Seaholme at Home

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| Cricket | Mixed | won | 117 v 41 |
| | Girls | lost | 58 v 75 |
| Volleyball | Mixed | won | 2 - 0 |
| | Girls | won | 2 - 0 |
| Softball | Mixed | lost | 5 v 21 |
| | Girls | won | 11 v 5 |
| Basketball | Mixed | lost | 14 v 36 |
| | Girls | won | 26 v 18 |

This week's 26th Feb **vs Altona College/Bayside away.**



CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Training will begin next Thursday 3rd March 8:00 to 8:30am in the school grounds.

Permission notices have been handed out to any student in grades 3-6 who wanted to either participate for fun and fitness or try out for our district cross country team which will compete in Term 2 on Tuesday 3rd May.

Training will run every Thursday morning for the remainder of Term 1 and into Term 2. All students are welcome to give it a go. Student's age 9/10 will run 2km and 11/12 will run 3km.

Training is about building up fitness, your child may not yet be able to run the full distance but are more than welcome to come and give it a go. I hope to see lots of children enjoying the challenge.

Tim Lappin



BARNSTONEWORTH UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

"The Barnies" are inviting boys and girls between the ages of 5-18yrs to register for the 2016 season.

Based in Williamstown, the "Barnies" is a family-friendly, FFV-affiliated soccer club with members coming from across the Western suburbs.

WHERE: J.T. Gray Reserve, Kororoit Creek Rd, Williamstown

WHEN: Registrations now open

Pre-season: JK Grant Reserve, Sugargum Dr Altona

SEASON: Sunday 10th April to 4th Sept

COST: U7's \$120, U8-11's \$200, U12-16's \$250

MORE INFO: www.bujfc.com

All new members welcome. Come and try out for Barnies!

Call Helen: 0487 916 590 secretary@bujfc.com

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY: FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY: MONDAY 21ST MARCH



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 – FRIDAY 4TH MARCH / MONDAY 21ST MARCH

Please circle the dates you will attend and 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 enquire. We'd love your help



DO YOU LIKE GARDENING?

Last year a bunch of parents and grandparents got together with our Year 3/4 students and staff to create a wonderful Vegetable Garden.

It is growing extremely well – we even harvested some vegies last Friday and sold them in the yard.

To keep it going this year, we need some more help from interested parents, grandparents and friends.

The gardening group meets on Friday afternoons 2.30 – 3.15pm near the Year 3/4 and Prep classrooms.

CAN YOU OFFER A HELPING HAND?

Please return this form to Mrs Masseni or email mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

YES I'D LOVE TO HELP WITH THE GARDENING GROUP

NAME: _____ CHILD'S GRADE: _____

CONTACT NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____