

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2016

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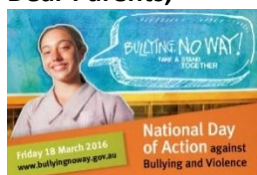
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No.7 11th March, 2016

Dear Parents,



NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE

Friday 18th March - Wear a splash of **ORANGE** with your school uniform to show your support. Students will be talking about bullying in their classrooms – what bullying means, what to do if they are bullied, what to do if they see someone being bullied and most importantly about the importance of respecting and getting along well with others.

So for your information....

What is Bullying?

Bullying is repeated negative behaviour towards someone else.

Bullying is not a one-off case. A one-off case is really a conflict. Bullying is much more than a conflict over some issue. It happens over and over again. It's this relentless nature of bullying that wears people down. Sometimes the form of the bullying changes, for example, name calling may change to threatening someone or destroying their belongings. Some victims have reported being mistreated in several different ways by the same bullies.

What do we tell the children? We use our strategies designed by our JSC in recent years.

1...2...3 You can count on me!

ONE...Stop, Look and Listen to see what is happening.

TWO...Ask the person who you think is being 'bullied' can you help them?

THREE...Tell the person/persons to STOP or seek help from an adult.



STOP..... I don't like it.
STOP – calling me names, teasing me, and taking my things (name the behaviour)

CONFIRMATION:

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday. Congratulations and Thank you to all involved especially: *Olive Chodowski* our R. E. Leader who planned and co-ordinated the mass and the children's involvement. *Angela Hamilton* our Performing Arts Teacher who prepared the music and lead our school choir. Our Year 5/6 teachers - *Olive Chodowski, Erin Mithen and Megan Loft* for their preparation of the children. To all staff for their assistance and attendance on the day.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Unfortunately Victeachfooty tips notified me on Monday that they were no longer going to provide a Footy Tipping facility. So I have created a new Footy Tipping Competition with a new provider so please ignore the instructions from last week's newsletter and unfortunately if you have already joined you will need to do so again into our new competition. It is with Footytips.com.au Click 'I want to join a competition', then search & type '**St Marys School Altona**'. More detailed instructions can be found in 'News, Notes & Forms'. Everything else remains the same. Once you have registered correctly you will receive an automated email welcoming you to our competition. The cost is \$23 per person and \$40 for two. Please send this to the school office in a sealed envelope marked "Footy Tipping" with the names of the tippers. Remember as well as having a lot of fun this is also a financial way you can support your child's school as half of the money collected goes directly to the school. The other half is given back in prizemoney. So please encourage as many family and friends as you can to be involved. **The footy season starts Thursday week so register now.**

EASTER RAFFLE:

Thank you to those parents that have already bought/sold their book of raffle tickets and returned the money to school and to the families that have donated an Easter egg or plush toy to our raffle prizes. (Please remember dairy and gluten free eggs are appreciated). **Our Easter Bunny helpers have asked if all raffle tickets, money and prize donations could be sent to school by Wednesday 23rd March.** The Easter Raffle will be drawn at a Special Assembly on the last day of this term at 2.00 pm. Thank you for your support.

OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

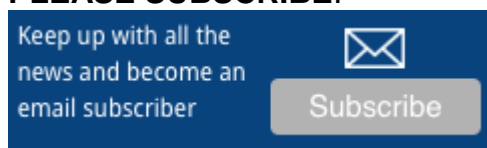
These will take place on Monday 21st March (1/2G on Tues 22nd March). Please click on the Interviews Icon on our website and follow the simple instructions.

The School Event Code is: cn3hg. If you are not available on the allocated date please contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually suitable time. Online bookings will close on Thursday 17th March.

PREP 2017 ENROLMENT:

Our Prep 2017 Information sessions and School Tours will take place on Wednesday 27th April at 9.05 am, 11.35 am. and 7.30 pm. Enrolment Forms are available to download from our website. School Tours can also be arranged by contacting the school office and making an appointment.

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE:



To the email system on our website as this will become the mechanism to deliver to you the newsletter.

We have 70 subscriptions....can we make 170 by next week?

Visit www.smaltona.catholic.edu.au and on the right hand side you'll see a 'subscribe to' button. You will receive an email reply when you have successfully subscribed.

**There will be No Newsletter in the last week.
Term One Ends Next Thursday 24th March.
Children are dismissed at 2:30pm.**

David Kelly,
Principal



PRINCIPAL AWARDS 7th March

PrepHM	Judah Didenkowski
PrepS	Ruby Williams
Year 1/2HK	Amelia Pham
Year 1/2S	Daniel Cooper
Year 1/2D	Mia Teinovic
Year 1/2G	Charlotte Le-Faucheur
Year 3/4M	Ava Zammit
Year 3/4S	Isabella Merola
Year 3/4VH	Daniel Armeri
Year 5/6C	Justin Nguyen
Year 5/6L	Issabella Luppino
Year 5/6M	Cooper Porter

NORMIE THE GNOME

Normie the Gnome is awarded to the House Team who keeps their part of the yard the cleanest. **RED TEAM**



EDUCATION IN FAITH



FEAST DAY NEWS

Today our Year 1/2 and 3/4 students attended Mass to celebrate the feast day of Fr. Shabin's religious order. He belongs to the secular order called *Institute Voluntas Dei* founded in 1958 in Trois – Rivières, Canada. It has its presence in many countries including Australia. The charism of the institute is "To be, like the virgin at the Annunciation, the instrument of Christ living the Father's will within the reality of the present moment." The Feast Day mass was con-celebrated by Bishop Mark Edwards. Congratulations Fr. Shabin.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- * Our Parish Priest Fr Shabin, as he celebrates his religious order's feast day. May he continue to be a model of deep faith, strengthened and supported through the love of the Virgin Mary.

Olive Chodowski - REL

*"God wants us, by every means in our power,
to lead others to life."*

- St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop-1899

DOING IT RIGHT

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

They have been making graphs to show who came to school in an active way in their class, showing resilience in maths, being a great buddy, helping in the office, being a great leader, taking pride in the environment, sharing school values like being responsible and caring, solving a problem well, helping a teacher, helping to return tennis equipment, and loads of other great things!

Well done to...

1/2D: Everyone

1/2G: Ava C

3/4VH: Chloe, Mia, Daniel, TJay, Gab, Olivia

3/4M: Erin, Bridie, Sienna, Anthony, James

3/4S: Zaii, Betty, Nikita, Sam, Jesse, Tyson, Monae, Michael, Isla

5/6C: Sienna, James, Jack, Kane, Justin, Ella, Isabella, Tahlia

5/6L: Thomas, Kate, Millie, Mickayla, Hannah

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



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.

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

SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE LOVED ONES OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE

A five week group presented by Joseph's corner
All family members who have been affected by drug or alcohol addiction.

9:30 to 11:30am.

On the following Tuesdays:

19th April, 26th April, 3rd May, 10th May and 24th May

Venue: Williamstown Community and Education Centre

14 Thompson street, Williamstown Vic 3016

Enquiries: Please contact Joseph's corner on 9315 2680 for further enquiries and bookings, or email contact@josephscorner.org.au

Course Facilitator: Heather Bunting

BA(Psych), Grad. Dip. Psych, Grad.Dip. Counselling,
Master of Social Science (Counselling)

There is no payment required.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT ST. MARY'S - 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.

Holiday Program: With holidays soon approaching a holiday club program will be available at:

Stella Maris Catholic Primary
54 Innisfail Dr
Point Cook, Vic 3030

Information will also be displayed in the OSHC services.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 14th March



Wednesday

Shelley Nugent

Thursday

Marylinda Abate

Friday

Anne Cooper

CHANGES TO MENU

Drinks

+ add tropical

+ Quench 5 varieties

Hot Food

- Flame grilled hamburger in a bun with salad

-Sweet Chilli chicken tenders in a wrap with salad & mayo

- Dim Sim

+ Vegetable Lasagne

Manager: Eva Coppola



UNIFORM SHOP

Open Wednesday Afternoon 2:30 -3:00pm
& Monday mornings 8:30 – 9:00am

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.

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.

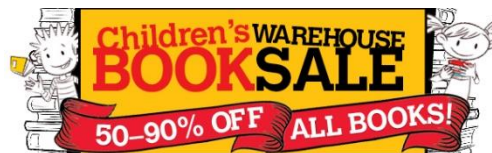
IMPORTANT DATES

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

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS Results Round 4
St Marys Altona v Altona Primary

Volleyball	Mixed	won	2 v 1
	Girls	lost	1 v 2
Basketball	Mixed	lost	10 v 30
	Girls	won	32 v 12
Softball	Mixed	lost	6 v 10
	Girls	lost	6 v 11
Cricket	Mixed	lost	54 v 86
	No Girls		

This week's 11th March **vs Willy Blue PS away.**



ONE DAY ONLY

Old Shire Hall

777 Old Calder Highway, Keilor

Tuesday 22 March 8am – 5pm

**Hundreds of picture and chapter books,
nonfiction and activity items.**

Payment methods: EFTPOS, cash, credit card and
school account.

No trade resellers

Scohlastic.com.au

NATIONAL RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY

Thanks to everyone who joined in with our walk and ride 2 school day on Friday 4th March.
60 % of our students came to school in an active way and lots of families joined the Walking
School Buses. Year 3/4S were our Most Active Class.

Our next Walk / Ride to School Day is on Monday 21st March.

Our Walking School Buses will run on this day. Please complete the form in this newsletter if you
haven't already done so.

**WALKING SCHOOL BUS –
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

P & F Meeting Wednesday 16th March