



# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2016

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Dear Parents,

No.8 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

As mentioned in the newsletter dated 26<sup>th</sup> February we are embarking on a journey to improve communications. The aim is to get you information in the most convenient form. We also need to get off paper for environmental and financial reasons. We can save between \$3000 to \$4000 per annum. **Can you please subscribe to the email system on our website as from the beginning of next term this will become the mechanism to deliver to you the newsletter.** Visit [www.smaltona.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smaltona.catholic.edu.au) and on the right hand side you'll see a 'subscribe to' button.

Thank you to the 105 Families that have already subscribed.

### EASTER RAFFLE:

**LAST FEW DAYS** to donate an Easter egg or plush toy to our raffle prizes. (Please remember dairy, Nut Free and Gluten Free eggs are appreciated). **All raffle tickets, money and prize donations need to be sent to school by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at a Special Assembly on the last day of this term, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00 pm.** If you didn't receive any raffle tickets they are available from the school office or email me and we'll send them home Monday.

### PARENTS & FRIENDS:

The Parents & Friends is a volunteer group of parents that meet once a Month in the School Staffroom. The P & F is not just about fundraising they also organise and facilitate many social and School community events.

It's a great way to meet new parents and enjoy a drink in a relaxed, fun environment.

**The Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April in the school staffroom. This will be followed by a normal general meeting. Come along and see what is involved.**

If you feel you can spare a couple of hours helping this year.....Come along or simply put your name on the volunteer list. They will be looking at term 2 events, any new event ideas will be welcome. I hope to see you there.

### FOOTY TIPPING:

The footy season starts next Thursday so join our Footy Tipping Competition. Go to [www.footytips.com.au](http://www.footytips.com.au) and select **St Marys School Altona** (Case and Space sensitive). It's a fun way to support your school as half of the joining money goes directly to the school and the other half is returned in prizes. So encourage as many family and friends as possible to join. It's \$23 per person or two for \$40. More details have been in the last few newsletters.

### CAN YOU HELP US WIN \$1000?



Good news....The Leader Newspaper has shortlisted St. Mary's Gardening Project idea as a finalist in its Local Leaders Grants program. Last year the garden not only provided lots of outdoor fun and knowledge for the Year 3/4 's but also raised money for St. Vincent de Paul through the sale of our excess produce.

We have a good chance of being awarded \$1000 towards a garden shed, green house and supplies but **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Winners are decided on the number of votes each project gets. We need you, your friends, work colleagues and family to **VOTE FOR US!**

It takes 2 minutes to register and VOTE.

#### Step 1 Go to

<http://www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au/idea/st-marys-altona-gardening-for-social-justice>

#### Step 2 Register

**Step 3. VOTE** You get 10 votes and you can give ALL of them to us if you like.

If you have trouble and need to search for us put "Altona Garden" in the search tool.

### NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE

Thanks to everyone who wore their **SPLASH** of **ORANGE** today - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March to show your support for the day of Action. We had a meaningful assembly as a whole school led by Isabella and Ella (our Wellbeing leaders). Your children would have received a wrist band today along with either one or two information cards about Bullying No Way! Have a good look in their bags or go to <http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/national-day> for more information.

**PREP ENROLMENT 2017:** Our Prep 2017 Enrolment Timeline is on our school website and Applications for Enrolment Forms can be downloaded or requested from the school office. Our Information Sessions and School Tours will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 9.05 am, 11.35 am and 7.30 pm. or by appointment.

#### **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:**

Our first School Closure Day for this year will be held on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May**. There is no school for children on this day. OSHC will operate if there are sufficient parents requiring it so you need to book early.

**TERM ONE FINISHES THIS THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT 2.30 pm.**

David Kelly,  
Principal



#### **AUSSIE OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to our February Aussies of the Month. James for his impeccable manners and for being a diligent student who shows great commitment towards his learning, Jade for demonstrating a positive attitude to school life, consistently trying her best and for her exemplary classroom behaviour & Koby for always being a friendly and hardworking class member. Well done everyone!



#### **IT'S WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH.**

Come along in an active way and earn house points. Join one of our Walking School Buses. See last week's newsletter for details.

#### **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](mailto:vpedley@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)



#### **Limited places available for 2016**

Further information can be found at our website [www.msj.vic.edu.au](http://www.msj.vic.edu.au) or by contacting the College Registrar at [registrar@msj.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@msj.vic.edu.au) or Ph: 8398 2000.

## **EDUCATION IN FAITH**



### St Patrick's Day

Yesterday our School Leaders represented St. Mary's Altona at the annual 'Mass of St Patrick for Melbourne Schools', at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. The mass commenced with the procession of banners and was followed by a concert in nearby Treasury Gardens. There were nearly 2000 Catholic Primary and Secondary students there representing more than 140 Catholic schools. It was a magnificent symbol of our Catholic faith in our Melbourne community. The mass was a highlight of Catholic Education Week, with its theme; "BE THE FACE OF MERCY."

#### The Breastplate of St. Patrick

*Christ as a light,  
Illumine and guide me!  
Christ as a shield,  
Overshadow and cover me!  
Christ be under me! Christ be over me!  
Christ be beside me,  
On the left hand and right!  
Christ be before me,  
Behind me, about me;  
Christ this day be within and without me!*



Year 5/6M will begin our school Holy Week journey with a Prayer Assembly on Monday, 21st March at 2.40pm. Please come and join your children in their Holy Week prayer journey.

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

*Olive Chodowski – REL*

*"Let us love and praise God in all."*

- St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop-1872

## 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:**

19<sup>th</sup> April, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> May and 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

## TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 21st March



Wednesday Caroline Cassar  
Thursday  
Friday

### Items that have been added

tropical  
Quench 5 varieties  
Vegetable Lasagne

### Items that have been deleted

Play Sports Water – Blackberry & Raspberry  
Flame grilled hamburger in a bun with salad  
Sweet Chilli chicken tenders in a wrap with salad & mayo  
Dim Sims

Manager: Eva Coppola

## IMPORTANT DATES

21/3	Walk to School Day & Walking School Buses
21/3	Year 5/6M Prayer Assembly
24/3	Holy Thursday - End of Term One

## BreastScreen Victoria



It only takes 10 minutes, it's with a woman and it's Free. 10 Minute appointments available over school holidays.

**Book online – [breastscreen.org.au](http://breastscreen.org.au) or call 13 20 50**  
No doctor's referral required

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](http://www.campaustalia.com.au)

1731 Malvern Road, Glen Iris, Victoria 3146

[info@campaustalia.com.au](mailto: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.

## Tennis Programs Victoria 'A program for everyone' School Holiday Clinic

Westside Indoor Sports  
Cnr Grieve Pde & Dohertys Rd Altona North



Date: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Time: 9am – 4pm

Entry: \$25

*Bring a Packed lunch & bottle of water*

Contact : **Paul Mick** 0415 511 150

p.emick2011@gamil.com

**Antonio De Fanis** 0402 554 769

tennispv@outlook.com

### 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 2, 2016.

Interested parents should call Fiona during office hours on 9818 2333



### Free Rock Up Netball session starting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 10-11am Altona Sports Stadium.

The sessions are a different way to play netball, in a fun and relaxed environment, targeting women aged 15+ to increase activity levels and provide a social atmosphere. If you are new to the sport, looking to return, or simply would like more netball in your life, these sessions are for you!

**Kaylea McQuade** | Product Development Coordinator | **Netball Victoria**

487 King Street, West Melbourne Vic 3003 | PO Box 60, North Melbourne Vic 3051

Ph: 03 9321 2219 | F: 03 9321 2233

I would really appreciate it if you could pass the attached poster on to anyone you think may be interested.

SESSIONS ARE FREE SO SPREAD THE WORD!

### INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS Results Round 5

St Marys Altona v Williamstown Blue

<b>Volleyball</b>	Mixed	won	2 v 0
	Girls	won	2 v 1
<b>Basketball</b>	Mixed	draw	6 v 6
	Girls	won	34 v 8
<b>Softball</b>	Mixed	won	14 v 5
	Girls	draw	7 v 7
<b>Cricket</b>	Mixed	lost	72 V 94
	No Girls	won	By default

This week's 18th March vs **Williamstown North PS**