



St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2016

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Dear Parents,

No.9 15th April 2016

SIX CAMP:

Welcome back to our Year Six children who have returned safely from a very successful and enjoyable camp. Their behaviour, manners and willingness to involve everyone was again exemplary. They were a credit to themselves, the school and to you their parents. Thank you to the staff involved in the planning and participation at the camp – Mrs Olive Chodowski, Mrs Erin Mithen and Ms Megan Loft



ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES

The Altona RSL will be holding two commemorative services to mark ANZAC Day. These services will take place on **Sunday 24th April** - Commemoration Day Assemble at the Altona RSL @ 2.15pm for a Service at the eternal flame (Council Offices) @ 3pm and **Monday 25th April** - Dawn service to be held at the eternal flame @ 6am. There is a march from the Altona RSL from 5.30am. Road closures will be in place. For further information contact the Altona RSL.

Secretary@altonarsl.com

Student Leaders from St. Mary's will lay a wreath at the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day 25th April. We welcome all St. Mary's families to join us.

PREP 2016 INFORMATION SESSIONS & SCHOOL TOURS:

We are now accepting Enrolment Applications for Prep 2016. **Information Sessions and School Tours will be held on Wednesday 27th April at 9.05 am, 11.35 am and 7.30 pm upstairs in the TRI Centre. Please pass this information onto any people that you think might be interested.**

Parents with siblings already enrolled at St. Mary's will need to complete an Application for Enrolment form and return it to the School Office but you do not need to attend the above sessions unless you choose to do so. Anyone interested in attending St. Mary's but unable to attend any of these sessions is encouraged to contact the School Office and an individual appointment and school tour can be arranged.

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 20th 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 event and any new event ideas will be welcome. I hope to see you there.

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David Kelly
Principal

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:

Our first School Closure Day for this year will be held on **Tuesday 31st May**. There is no school for children on this day.

OSHC will operate if there are sufficient parents requiring it. Bookings are now open for this service.

Please contact Camp Australia

Phone: 1300 105 343 / (03) 9398 4065 Fax: (03) 8610 2044

www.campaustalia.com.au

SCHOOL LEADERS PHOTOS – ELITE



PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos of our school leaders (School Captains, House Captains, Wellbeing, Social Justice and Choir Leaders &

JSC) are now available for purchase.

They are on display in the office foyer and cost \$14.

Please place correct money in an envelope labelled with your name and the type & number of photos you require and return it to the office by **Friday 29th April**.

N.B. Year 6 photo will be given to the students when they graduate at the end of the year.



Remember to keep using sun protection throughout the month of April.

UV levels are still above three so please continue to Slip on sun protective clothing, Slop on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen, Slap on a wide brimmed hat, Seek shade and, if practical, Slide on wrap-around sunglasses until the end of April.

Please check the daily sun protection times to be sure.

These are available on the free [SunSmart app and widget](#), (on our school website) or in the weather

section of the newspaper or at [sunsmart.com.au](#)

Even in the cooler autumn weather, that UV exposure all adds up.

SCHOOL HATS NEED TO BE WORN UNTIL THE END OF APRIL.

DOING IT RIGHT: Week 8 & 9 Term 1

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

Prep S: William

1/2S: Isabelle N, Amber

1/2HK: Saxon

1/2D: Gabby L

3/4VH: Ethan, Sofia, Bianca, Eliza

3/4M: Noah L

5/6M: Lauren

5/6C: Luke V, Jade, Anthony, Ally,

5/6L: Millie, Alannah

For taking turns, giving warm greetings in the morning, playing well with others in the library, altar serving for 400 teachers, being sensible in the library, handing in money and pokemon cards that had been found, doing great take home reading, helping others and loads of other great things!



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Lucas G (2D) for completing his work to the best of his ability and taking time to ensure that it is presented neatly. Lucas is a supportive class member who works well with others. If an issue arises, he attempts to solve the problem and find a fair solution.

Michael M (3S) for having an excellent attitude towards school and always showing respect to his peers.

Jack D (6L) for being a great leader at St Mary's, helping those who need it and always trying his hardest at all activities. He shows a great positive attitude towards learning.

TARGETED TEACHING FOR STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA: TEACHER and PARENT EVENT

Dyslexia is the forgotten learning difficulty.

The incidence of dyslexia is more widespread than realised and it is estimated that there are between 3 – 5 students with dyslexia in every classroom.

Outside the Square is a series of three education documentary films aimed to increase awareness and understanding of dyslexia in our education system.

FILM 2 will be shown and discussed on this evening and includes:

- Effective practices that provide students with the opportunity to learn and succeed
- Appropriate teaching strategies including multisensory techniques
- Classroom accommodations
- Adjustments for exams and assessments
- Assistive technology
- Intervention
- Building self-esteem and developing resilience

Time will be provided for personal questions and discussion.

WHEN: Thursday 28th April

TIME: 7.00 – 8.30pm

WHERE: ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL – TRI CENTRE (Enter via Sargood St)

SESSION IS CONDUCTED BY GUEST SPEAKER

Kristin Anthian (Dip.T(EC), B.Ed(P), PGDip.Ed.St(ECI), M.Ed(SE.I&EI)

Educational and Developmental Consultant / Supporting Diverse and Exceptional Learners Learning Difficulties Australia (LDA) Consultant and Council Member.

RSVP: Catherine Sims

sims@smaltona.catholic.edu.au or phone St. Mary's P.S. on 9398 4842 leaving name, number of attendees & phone number.

COFFEE & TEA PROVIDED - GOLD COIN DONATION on ENTRY.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

CONGRATULATIONS to Anitha Dawson - (mother to Ryan in 5/6C). We welcomed her as fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, during the parish Easter celebrations. A joyful occasion and we pray now for Anitha in her faith journey ahead.

EASTER JOY
Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!



He is risen indeed!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise.
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.
Jesus on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation,
Jesus Christ,
the king of glory,
now is risen from the dead.
Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!
He is risen indeed!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * A rewarding and successful Term Two for staff, students and families.*
- * A safe and happy Year Six camp.*
- * All students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance.*
- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.*

Olive Chodowski – REL

*"Courage, courage, trust in God
who helps you in all
things."*

- St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop-1874

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 18th April



Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Marylinda Abate

Manager: Eva Coppola

IMPORTANT DATES

18/4	Year 1/2D Assembly
21/4	Year 5/6 IMAX
	Cross Country Trials Year 3 - 6
25/4	Anzac Day (Public Holiday)
28/4	Dyslexia Presentation 7-8.30pm
2/5	Year3/4VH Prayer Assembly
3/5	District Cross Country Year 3-6
6/5	Mother's Day Stall 9am-12pm
8/5	Mother's Day Mass 10.30-11.30
9/5	Year 1/2HK Assembly
11/5	Year 1/2 Excursion Werribee Zoo
16/5	Year 1/2S Assembly
18/5	Reconciliation Family Workshop 7-8pm
23/5	Year 1/2G Assembly
24/5	Mary Help of Christians Feast Day – Whole School Mass 9.15-10.15am
25/5	Wonder of Living (Parent Session Only) 6.30-7.30pm
30/5	Prep HM Assembly
3/6	Sacred Heart Of Jesus –Whole School Mass
6/6	Year 3/4S Prayer Assembly
8/6	Sacrament of Reconciliation 7-8pm
13/6	Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)
15/6	Wonder of Living (parent/child session) 6.30-7.30pm
20/6	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 1.30-8pm
21/6	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 3.30-5.30pm

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

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.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT ST. MARY'S - Camp Australia WE MAKE KIDS SMILE!

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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.



We've got another MASSIVE home game this weekend against Box Hill, our fellow grand finalists from last year. As it is a Channel 7 broadcasted game, the Seniors will begin at the earlier time of 11.40am, followed by Development at 2.40pm.

We are also unfurling our two premierships flags at 11.10am!

As always, we will have plenty of Free Kids Activities around the ground such as a Bungee Trampoline, Jungle Adventure and Animal Petting Farm, so there is plenty on for the whole family!

NEED 2 READ IS BACK



Every **Tuesday and Thursday** from **8.20 to 8.40** am in the Library we have our **Need 2 Read Club**.

All school children and their family members are welcome to come along and enjoy reading. As a way to encourage children to come they will have a N2R card and each time they come will receive a stamp. When they reach 5, 10 and 15 they can choose a prize from our Lucky Prize Box. Children need to be in the library by 8.30 am to receive a stamp. See you there.

Nancy Scuderi & Cathy Sims
Literacy Leaders



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge



The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and St Mary's is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

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Literacy Leaders

Nicole Singleton

St Mary's PRC Co-ordinator

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual's name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child's first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:

Publish your child's name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department's Information Privacy Policy located at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx>

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department's Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

Yes I consent to my child's name appearing on the online Honour roll

Name of child..... Grade.....

Parent Signature.....