



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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ANZAC DAY · 25 APRIL

Lest We Forget



Dear Parents,

No.10 21st April, 2017

ANZAC DAY



Once again this year we will be laying a wreath on behalf of the school community at the Altona ANZAC Day Commemoration Service held at the Eternal Flame outside the Civic Offices in Civic Pde, Altona.

The service will be held on **Sunday 23rd April beginning at 3pm.**

All students and families are welcome to attend. We will meet together at 2.45pm near to the corner of Pier St and Civic Pde. Look out for Mrs Masseni.

CAR PARKING & SAFETY:

It has been brought to my attention that at drop off and pick up times a number of families are ignoring the 'Parking' and 'No Standing' signs around the school. Not only are the signs there to remind you of the laws but they are in place for the safety of your children. To say "but I'll only be there for a few seconds" is not good enough. It only takes a few seconds for a child to be hit by a car. Thank you for your co-operation.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Congratulations to Nat, Tim L & Carol H who picked all 9 winners in Round 4. The jackpot was \$20. They can collect their share of this from the school office. The jackpot this week is \$5.00. Good Luck!

SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD:

The Annual General Meeting of the School Education Board will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday 17th May commencing at 7.30 pm. There is a vacancy for a Parent Representative on the School Education Board. Anyone interested in joining please speak to myself or one of the existing members: Katrina Haby, Diane Howell, Paul Kruger or Paul Moore. No expertise is required other than a wish to be involved in your child's education. The School Education Board meets approximately 5 times a year. An outline of the Functions and Purposes of the School Education Board and a Nomination Form are available from the School Office or on our school website.

MOTHER'S DAY:

As I'm sure you are aware Mother's Day is not far away. We will again be joining with the parish to celebrate all our mother's at the 10.30 am. Parish Mass on Sunday 13th May. A special part of the celebration has been a mother or mothers briefly sharing their feelings about being a mum. We would love to hear from someone willing to share their thoughts this year. I hope as many school families as possible can be part of this school and parish mass.

PREP 2018:

Wednesday this week we had our Prep 2018 Information sessions and school tours. We have received 30 applications so far for children commencing Prep in 2018 with another 29 application forms requested. The closing date for applications is Friday 12th May. So for parents who already have children enrolled at St. Mary's but have another child starting school you also need to get your applications in by the 12th May. If you know of other parents who might be interested in putting in an application please ask them to do so as soon as possible. Parents can contact the school office to arrange an individual appointment and school tour.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our School Leaders: Millie, Jazmin, Liam D, Sara, Kyle, Ally, Tegan, Isla, Madeline, Taj, Ava, Noah, Gabrielle, Kane, Elizabeth & Liam C who conducted the school tours during the day. I had a number of parents comment to me how impressed they were with the way these children spoke so eloquently and positively about their school. Well Done and Thank you.

David Kelly,
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH

First Eucharist Dates

Family Workshop: Wednesday, 31st May. 7pm
Shared Meal/Practice Session: Wednesday 14th June. 7pm.
Sacrament of First Eucharist: Sunday, 18th June. 3pm.



*"Be charitable, gentle
and kind to one another."*
28.3.1873

Social Justice News

This term our Social Justice initiative will include raising money for our World Vision school sponsored child 'Win Naing.' Each classroom will be given a money box for children to donate their gold or silver coins over the next 10 weeks of the term. Also in Week 5 of this term we will participate in CatholicCare Week with our annual Coin Trail money raiser. So start saving your coins. Big points for each House Team are on offer.
Sara Adani & Kyle Escobar
(Social Justice Leaders)

**Year 3/4V will present an ANZAC DAY
Prayer Assembly in the church,
on Monday 24th April at 2.30pm
All welcome**



**Weekly Class Mass:
On Friday 28th April Year 3/4V
will be attending the 9:15am
parish mass. Family and friends
are invited to celebrate and join
the children in prayer.**



Parish News



Mass for Expectant Mothers

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 14 May (Mother's Day) at 11.00am.
Registrations can be made online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au. Please note that registration closes on Friday 5 May.
Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

Euthanasia/assisted suicide legislation: - **Pastoral letter to the Catholics of Victoria – Push to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide**

The Victorian Government is seeking to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide later this year. The proposed changes will impact everyone, not just the terminally ill. Because of their concern about this grave matter, the Bishops of Victoria have released a pastoral letter with copies available in parishes. Please read the pastoral letter and if you would like to get involved, speak with **Fr. Shabin**. You can also obtain more information from the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or alternatively visit: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

Christian Meditation -

takes place every Thursday at St. Mary's. If you are interested in joining this group, please phone Lucy at the Parish House on 398 2964.
MARANATHA

Project Compassion Boxes / Envelopes. Thank you to all those parishioners who returned their Project Compassion Boxes and/or envelopes. If you still have a box or set of envelopes, please bring them back this week

SCHOOL CALENDAR

We have now sorted out our issues with the School Website calendar and so this week is the last week you will receive our "Important Dates" in the format below. In order to find out what is happening in the school you can access our School Calendar via the School Website home page or via **"Click here to go to our Events Calendar"** at the bottom of your school newsletter email.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Time
24/4	Prayer Assembly 3/4V	2.30pm
25/4	Anzac Day	
26/4	State Swimming	9am – 3.30pm
	Annual General Meeting P&F	7.30pm- 9pm
27/4	Cross Country Training YR 3-6	8.00am
	Walk/Ride to School	8.30am
1/5	Year 6 School Camp	9.00am
	Prep Excursion Aquarium	9.00am – 12.30pm
	Class Assembly	2.30pm
2/5	Year 6 School Camp	
3/5	Year 6 School Camp	
4/5	Cross Country Training YR 3-6	8.00am
5/5	Inter School Sports V Altona College/Bayside	Away
8/5	Class Assembly	
9/5	NAPLAN	
10/5	NAPLAN	
11/5	NAPLAN	
12/5	Inter School Sports V Altona Primary	Home
	Mother's Day Stall	
14/5	Mother's Day Parish/School Mass	10.30am
15/5	Class Assembly	
16/5	Altona District Cross Country	11.30am – 2.30pm
19/5	Walk/Ride to School Day	8.30am
	Inter School Sports V Seaholme Primary	Away
22/5	Class Assembly	2.30pm
24/5	Mary Help of Christian Feast Day	
29/5	Inter School Sports V St Mary's Willy (Monday)	Away
	Prayer Assembly	2.30pm
31/5	Divisional Cross Country	9.00am – 3.30pm
2/6	Inter School Sports V Altona Nth	Home
5/6	Class Assembly	2.30pm
9/6	Inter School Sports V Newport Gardens	Home
12/6	Queen's Birthday Holiday	
15/6	Buddy Day (Wear Purple)	
16/6	Inter School Sports - Finals	
18/6	First Eucharist Mass	3.00pm – 4.00pm
19/6	Class Assembly	2.30pm
20/6	Walk/Ride to School Day	8.30am
22/6	WMR Cross Country	9.00am – 3.30pm
26/6	Parent/Teacher Conferences	1.30pm – 8.00pm
27/6	Parent/Teacher Conferences	3.30pm – 5.30pm
30/6	End of Term 2	2.30pm
	Parent & Friends Film Night	6.00pm – 9.00pm

JSC – Water Saving Project

We need some buckets for our Water Saving Project. If you have some 2lt ice cream containers or other small buckets that we might be able to use, can you please send them to the office marked "JSC WATER SAVING PROJECT". Thank you. Gemma (3/4V), Xavier (1/2N) & Ruby (1/2HT).

LITTLE LEARNERS LOVE LITERACY

Cathy and Britt (our Prep teachers) supported by Joyce Lalor, ran a great information session last night on the Little Learners Love Literacy program. They explained how they teach our preps to read and how excited our preps are about the success they've had so far. If you missed out see Cathy or Britt for further information.



Our Next Walk / Ride to School Day will be on Thursday 27th April. Come along in an active way!

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

The Annual General Meeting for our Parents & Friends Committee will take place on **Wednesday 26th April @ 7.30 pm**. This will be followed by a normal general meeting. The Parents & Friends is not just about fundraising they also organise and facilitate many social and School community events. So come along and see what is involved. It is a great way to meet new parents.



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 \$12.

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 28th April**.

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

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE

OPEN EVENTS 2017

We welcome you to meet our Principal, talk to our teachers and join a student-led tour of the College.

TWILIGHT OPEN EVENING

Thursday 9 February 4:00pm-8:00pm
Principal's address at 5:00pm & 7:00pm

OPEN DAY

Sunday 28 May 10:00am – 2:00pm
Principal's address at 11:00am & 1:00pm

Register online at www.msj.vic.edu.au

CURRENTLY ACCEPTING ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2017, 2018 & 2019

Educating Today. Shaping Tomorrow. MSJ

MSJ Open Morning

Thurs 11th May 2017
9.30am – 10.30am

Open Day

Sunday 28th May 2017
10.00am – 2.00pm

Applications for year7, 2019 will

Close on 25th August 2017.

Limited places available for 2017 & 2018

Enrolment form – www.msj.vic.edu.au
or contacting the school 8398 2000
or Sherri Collins – College Registrar
registrar@msj.vic.edu.au

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE

OPEN MORNINGS 2017

We invite you to visit us during the school day.

Visiting time:
9:30am – 10:30am

Dates:
Monday 13 February
Thursday 10 August
Thursday 9 March
Thursday 11 May
Thursday 8 June
Thursday 12 October
Thursday 9 November

Meet the Principal, join a student-led tour of the College and see learning in action in the classrooms.

Register online at www.msj.vic.edu.au

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Learn music

here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard here at St Mary's Altona.

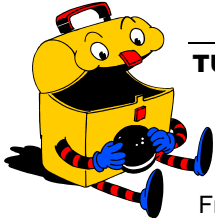
Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

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, 2017.

Interested parents should call Fiona during office hours on 9818 2333 or email fiona@creativemusic.com.au

Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au

**TUCKSHOP HELPERS**Week beginning 24th April 2017

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Cynthia Bitaks

Thursday

Friday Paula Luppino

Manager: Eva Coppola

Tel: 9315 0799

High Tea with Joseph's Corner

Come and join us for a great afternoon!



All funds raised will go to Joseph's Corner.

Where: Mount St. Joseph's Girls College
129-133 Maidstone St, Altona

When: Sunday 7th May 2017

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Cost: \$30.00 per person

There will be music, raffles, door prizes, guest speakers, party planners, great food and lots more.

For bookings please call Joseph's Corner
on 9315-2680 or Tania on 0439 165 660.

