



# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2016

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Dear Parents,

No.13 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Thank you again to all the parents who have subscribed to our school newsletter. We are not at 100% yet but we are getting closer. Parents who have yet to subscribe will be receiving a letter accompanying this newsletter personally encouraging them to subscribe and explaining that from now on any forms that usually were attached to the newsletter will now be linked to the email they receive once they have subscribed and they can complete it online and it is returned to us electronically. From last week's newsletter we have already received 12 responses to our Walking School Bus form, 81 Mary Help of Christians Feast Day lunch order forms and 6 Helpers forms for this lunch. The Mary Help of Christians Feast Day Hot Dog & Juice forms need to be returned by next Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The Walking School Bus forms need to be returned by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

### THANK YOU:

To the many school families that made the effort to attend our Parish / School Celebration of Mother's Day at the 10.30 mass last Sunday.

### PREP 2017 ENROLMENTS:

Enrolments close this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. So, please if you know of someone who is thinking of sending their child to St. Mary's in 2017 they need to get their Application for Enrolment forms in ASAP. These can be downloaded from our school website or collected from the school office.

### SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD - AGM:

This will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 7.30 pm. There is a vacancy for a parent representative on the School Education Board. I have already received one nomination - thank you. An outline of the Functions and Purposes of the School Education Board and Nomination Forms are available from the school office or on our school website.

### CONGRATULATIONS:

To our students in Years Three & Five who completed their NAPLAN testing this week.

### FOOTY TIPPING:

Congratulations to Megan Loft who correctly tipped all 9 winners last round. The Jackpot this round is \$5.00.

David Kelly  
Principal



### NORMIE THE GNOME

Normie the Gnome is awarded to the House Team who keeps their part of the yard the cleanest. This week's winner is: **Blue Team**



### PRINCIPAL AWARDS 9<sup>th</sup> May

PrepHM	Zara Azzopardi
	Xavier Herd
PrepS	Isabella Meddis
	Ryan Tucker
Year 1/2HK	Sunniva Mullins
	Joshua Van Zyl
Year 1/2S	Lachlan Moore
	Jack Curran
Year 1/2D	Angus Herd
	Zali Howell
Year 1/2G	Gabriella Umana
	Toby Thomson
Year 3/4M	Sienns Tanti
	David Teshomi
Year 3/4S	Michael Morda
	Jesse Longaretti-Schreppel
Year 3/4VH	Tjay Pappas
	Kiani Howell
Year 5/6C	Mackenzie Pace
	Tam Nguyen
Year 5/6L	Sunita Daravong
	Chloe Coldrey
Year 5/6M	Ava Steinhart
	Liam Dennis

## IMPORTANT DATES

16/5	Year 1/2S Assembly
18/5	Reconciliation Family Workshop 7-8pm
23/5	Year 1/2G Assembly
24/5	School Education Board AGM
24/5	Mary Help of Christians Feast Day – Mass 9:15-10:15am Free lunch for students
25/5	Wonder of Living (Parent Session Only) 6.30-7.30pm
26/5	Year 1/2 Werribee Zoo Excursion
30/5	Prep HM Assembly
31/5	School Closure Day
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
24/6	Family Film Night



## Aussie of the Month - APRIL

**Joaquin M** for being a responsible and reliable class member and always making the right choices.

**Charlotte L** for working extremely hard to give her best effort in all of her classroom tasks. Charlotte performs beyond expectations and always sets an excellent example of great behaviour.

**Anthony B** for being a diligent and hardworking student who gives 110% effort in all learning tasks and activities. He is kind and courteous to all class members and will always lend a helping hand to those around him. Anthony is to be congratulated for his hard-working and enthusiastic start to Term Two. Well done!



## Farwell to Bishop Vincent Long

Archbishop Denis Hart extends a warm invitation to parishioners to attend a Mass of Farewell and Thanksgiving for Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv who has served as Auxiliary Bishop since 2011 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, on **Wednesday 1st June, 2016 at 7pm**. The Mass will provide an opportunity for the Archbishop on behalf of the Archdiocese, to extend our gratitude to Bishop Long for his faithful Service in the Archdiocese and to seek God's blessing upon him as the Bishop of Parramatta.

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### RECONCILIATION

A reminder to Year Three parents/guardians about our **RECONCILIATION FAMILY WORKSHOP** on

**Wednesday 18th May, 7pm & our**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Wednesday, 8th June 7pm.**

### PARISH / SCHOOL MOTHER'S DAY MASS:

A big thankyou to all staff, students and their families who participated in our Mother's Day Mass last Sunday. A wonderful and prayerful Eucharist celebration.

*This Sunday May 15th is Pentecost Sunday.*

*It is the Feast of the Holy Spirit, the gift of Our Risen Lord to the Church.*

**Come, Lord Jesus, Send Your Spirit**

***A rushing, violent windstorm –***

***The Spirit is here!***

***The moving, startling, tongues of fire!***

***The Spirit is empowering!***

***The gathered, inspired followers of Jesus***

***The Spirit brings us together,***

***and will send us out faithfully. Amen***

### SOCIAL JUSTICE MESSAGE:

#### COIN TRAIL

- As part of CatholicCare Family Week we will have a Coin Trail race between the House Teams on Friday 20th May. So save those coins and bring them along to support, not only your House Team (points galore!) but the wonderful work of CatholicCare to build on their theme 'Champions for Change' in recognising that children can play a role in building more kind and equitable societies.

- Our Term 3 Social Justice unit involves Year 5/6 students organising stalls to raise money for St Vincent de Paul society. We would like to begin a collection of items to sell. Our first items that we would like to collect are 'OLD BOOKS' and 'SOFT TOYS'. Please send all items to Year 5/6C Room11 or the OFFICE. Thank-you

**Kate Ealem & Tahlia Sepsic**



#### Social Justice Leaders

**Year 1/2S will be attending our Parish Mass on Friday 20th May at 9:15am.**

**Please come, celebrate, and join your children in prayer.**

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**\* 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**

#### Pope Francis tweets:

**"Christ is our greatest joy; he is always at our side and will never let us down." Pope Francis @Pontifex**

## DOING IT RIGHT

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

Prep S: Zoe

1/2S: Maddsion

1/2D: Jourdan, Lucas G

1/2G: Amelia, Mia, Toby T, Dhriti

3/4VH: Grace, Nicholas, Summa, Caitlyn, Daniel, Raf, Zaii, Sebastian, Sofia, Ethan, Kiani, James, Olivia, Hannah, Chloe, Eliza, Bianca,

3/4S: Betty

5/6M: Emma

5/6C: Justin, Jade, Ally, Isabella, Luke, Tam, Porsha, Tahlia, Georgia

5/6L: Aiden, Sunita, Issabella, Kate, Thomas Kruger, Alannah, Michelle, Hannah D, Mickayla

For helping someone, handing in money, displaying resilience, getting along with others, taking care of the environment, taking pride in their work, giving to the Win Naing box, using great manners all the time, being respectful, running a great assembly, listening well in class and loads of other great things!

## CSEF – APPLICATIONS CLOSE JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>

### NO late applications can be accepted.

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.



On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June St. Mary's Parish

will be celebrating a special Children's Mass at 10.30am.

We would like as many children as possible to be involved in this special celebration. Therefore if you would like your children to be part of this Mass they will need to attend one of the Children's Liturgy Sessions at the 10.30am Sunday Mass to collect a form, complete it and return it to the Parish House Letter Box by **no later than Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**. Morning

Tea will be served after Mass, we would appreciate it if you would please bring a plate.

Looking forward to seeing you there



## FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY IS WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY and our MAY WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Our Walking School Buses will run on this day.

Please fill in the online form if you are intending to join one of them.



MSJ Open Mornings – 9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday) 26<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 MSJ Twilight Open Evening – 3pm – 7pm (Thursday) 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 Currently Accepting Applications for 2016, 2017 and 2018 Limited places are 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](mailto:registrar@msj.vic.edu)

## Parents and Friends

The Parents & Friends hope you all had a lovely Mother's Day and enjoyed the gifts that your children purchased for you.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the busy mums that helped make our Mother's Day Stall possible. A special thank you to Cheri Steen for organising the entire event from beginning to end again this year; and ensuring everything ran smoothly on the day.

Thanks to Diane Howell for helping with the stocktake; and to Andrea Herd for helping to purchase the gifts, set up the stall and then act as cashier with Michelle Green. Lilia Sougleris also helped set up the stall on Thursday Night so that it could be ready for 8.50am Friday morning.

We'd also like to thank all of our beautiful mums that not only hid from their own children while they bought their presents but assisted all the other children purchase something special for their mums: Madeline Didenkowski, Patrice Cassar, Natalie Papal, Marilyn Fischer, Natasha Devetak, Ellie Corbo, Marylinda Abate, Deanne Thomas, Katelyn Doblan, Marelize Agius & Helen McEvoy.

## TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 16th May



Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

Marylinda Abate

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](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.

## Williamstown Football Club

This week we are hosting the Northern Blues on Saturday afternoon, coming off the back of our thumping 74-point win over Werribee at the weekend!

As always we will have our Free Kids Activities running, as well as our President's Luncheon featuring none other than John Elliott!

## INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

Our Winter Sports began last Friday with our 5/6s competing in the following sports; Football, Soccer, Netball and Teeball. The Winter Sports competition will run for the remainder of term 2, on Friday mornings, followed with a Round Robin competition in the last week of term. It is a great way to have the students represent our school and participate in a team sport.

### Results from Round 1 vs Altona Nth away

Netball	Girls	won	24-0
	Mixed	won	10-0
Football		lost	25-41
Soccer	Girls	won	3-0
	Mixed	drew	4-4
Teeball	Girls	won	3-2
	Mixed	drew	14-14

Well done to all participants, great start to the competition.

Today- Round 2 **vs Altona PS at Home.**