



St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2016

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Dear Parents

No. 18 17th June 2016

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences take place next Monday from 1.30 pm. and Tuesday from 3.45 pm. If you haven't booked an appointment you have until 5.00 pm today to do so or contact Marg Masseni (mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au). Booking details have been in the last couple of newsletters. It is important that children attend these Conferences as they have spent time in class preparing for it.
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.00 PM ON MONDAY 20TH JUNE.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT" - "Ice Age: Collision Course" for Friday 24th June, (last day of this term) 7.00 pm. at the Sun Theatre, Ballarat St, Yarraville.

It's not too late!! Final 3 days – Bookings close Monday 20th June 12noon.

The next meeting of the P&F will be next Wednesday 13th July, commencing at 7.30pm. in the staffroom. Please come along to meet the committee and see what the P&F committee is all about.

**TERM TWO ENDS NEXT FRIDAY 24th JUNE.
CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED AT 2.30 PM.**

David Kelly
PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES.

20/6	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 1.30-8pm
21/6	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 3.30-5.30pm
24/6	Family Film Night



NATIONAL BUDDY DAY – 15th JUNE
Thanks to everyone who showed support for National Buddy Day by wearing a **SPLASH of PURPLE** with their uniform, joining in with Buddy activities, making

Buddy posters and having Buddy photos taken at the photo booth. Thanks Ella and Isabella for your great work in organising everything!

Heroes & Super Heroes Day! Friday 24th June



The JSC is holding Heroes and Superheroes Day. Come dressed as your favourite Hero or Superhero and join in the super fun.

Please come with a **GOLD COIN DONATION** for our school sponsor child Win Naing.



**WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
TUESDAY 21ST JUNE**
Get your skates and walking shoes on!!!

FOOTY TIPPING:

There is no Jackpot during the bye rounds. Good Luck!

NEXT WEEK:

I will be attending the National Catholic Education Commission Conference, "Faith to Lead, Lead to Faith" in Perth all next week with 1500 other educators from around Australia. Marg Masseni will be Acting Principal in my absence. I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable break.



SAVE THE DATE: Movie Night for the parents:

12th August - 7pm screening

A night filled with lots of fun, laughter and prizes.

More information to follow in the coming weeks



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: **Red Team**

EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST EUCHARIST NEWS

A date selection note for First Eucharist has been given out to all children involved in celebrating their First Eucharist in 2016. A reminder that these notes need to be returned to school by Monday 20th June.

Important dates for Term Three:

Family Workshop:

Wednesday 20th July 7pm in school hall

Shared Family Meal & Workshop:

Wednesday, 17th August, 6:00pm in school hall

Celebration of First Eucharist:

Saturday, 20th August at 6:00pm.

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Sunday, 21st August at 10.30am.

A Moment with Jesus

Jesus is always with us.

We can tell him anything.

Talk to Jesus in the quiet of your heart

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SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS:

We are continuing to collect items for our Term Three Social Justice unit. We are after books or toys (in good condition) that can be donated towards our senior students' Social Justice stalls.

Thank you to those parents and students who have helped with contributions to date.

Please drop off any items to Room 11 -Year 5/6C. Your Mercy in Motion.

Kate Ealem & Tahlia Sepsic

Social Justice Leaders

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Olive Chodowski – REL

"Remember, there is, even on this earth, a day of bright reward for all your prayers and faithful perseverance."

Mary MacKillop, 1874



LEADERSHIP DAY REFLECTION

Yesterday 16th June ten of our school leaders visited Our Lady's Primary School in Sunshine to take part in a Leadership Day.

The theme of the day was '*The future is very much in our hands.*' We listened to some truly inspiring people; Charlie Bezzina a former detective investigator and now a Herald Sun columnist, Matt Nicholls an accomplished AFL umpire and finally an amazing lady Moira Kelly who works as a humanitarian helping children all over the world.

Moira has shown immense leadership and dedication to others throughout her life and she surprised us by bringing two of the children she cares for. Both Angel and Shah require significant medical assistance at the Children's Hospital. They answered our questions and sang to us.

As leaders we learnt that we should be aware of the many gifts God has given us and that we can use these gifts to benefit our lives and the lives of other people in our community.

Alannah Briffa, Thomas Kruger, Michelle Nassim & Justin Nguyen.

Moira Kelly with two of the children in her care, Shah(L) and Angel(R).



Annual Anniversary Mass - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th – 70th wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 31 July at 11am by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register visit: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on: 9287 5587/ Lmf@cam.org.au. Registrations close Friday 15 July.

Mary MacKillop Foundation 2016 Fundraising Dinner – celebrating 150 years of the Sisters of St. Joseph.
Time: from 7pm with appetisers; **Date:** Friday 26th August 2016; **At:** Mount St. Joseph Girls' College, 133 Maidstone St. Altona; **Cost:** \$40pp (3 course meal, BYO drinks); **Tickets:** Call MMHC 99269300.
RSVP Tuesday 9th August 2016.

www.mackillopfoundation.org.au The foundation provides financial support for small life changing projects. There are two kinds of projects that the Foundation Supports: General projects within Australia & Projects in partnership with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders.



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

A five week group presented by Joseph's Corner

Who should attend:

Anyone who has a family member affected by drug or alcohol addiction.

Session dates/times:

9.30 to 11.30 a.m. on the following Tuesdays:
 19th and 26th July, 2nd, 9th and 16th August

Venue:

Williamstown Community and Education Centre
 14 Thompson Street, Williamstown VIC 3016

Enquiries:

Please call 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,
 Masters of Social Science (Counselling)

There is no payment required although any donations would be appreciated.

Joseph's Corner
 A counselling service for families living with alcohol or drug addiction
 Laverton, Hoppers Crossing, Yarraville
www.josephscorner.org.au

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 20th June



Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Marylinda Abate

Williamstown Literary Festival: 18 & 19 June 2016 info@willylitfest.org.au



MSJ Open Mornings – 9.30am – 10.30am,
 11th August, 8th September, 10th

November 2016 MSJ Musical ~ **Anything Goes.** Come and see the show on Friday

17th June at 7pm, Saturday 18th June at 12.30pm or 7pm. Caroline Chisholm College Quin Auditorium 204 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook For more information, call 8398 2000, or visit www.tickethost.com.au
 MSJ Twilight Open Evening – 3pm – 7pm (Thursday) 6th 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 or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au or Ph: 8398 2007.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SPORTS CAMP RUN BY EX ST.MARY'S STUDENT, STEVEN CAMPBELL

Today's Interschool Sports:

All teams played their best in trying conditions today. Congratulations to the mixed netball team who made it through to the divisional finals to be played next term, on the 13th July.

Well done to all teams and other participants.

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

