



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No.24 11th August, 2017

This Friday, 18th August at 7.00 pm. the following children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Archbishop of Melbourne Denis Hart will be celebrating the mass and administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers:

Lynda Azzopardi, Liam Curran, Chloe Coldrey, Ryan Dawson, Noah Defina, Liam Denys, Jazmin Dowd, Kyle Escobar, Mila Fanjek, Porsha Guerrero, Oliver Jeffrey, Thomas Jones, Emma Kelly, Isla McAvoy, Giles Mercer, Gabrielle Montebello, Livinia Pace, Mackenzie Pace, Millie Pilditch, Kate Pope, Cooper Porter, Anthony Price-Cofre, Michael Pye, Ava Robertson, Alexandra Smedley, Kane Sortino, Tegan Sortino, Ava Steinhardt, Taj Tanti, Aiden Vella & Luke Vella.

EARN & LEARN:

Thank you to the families that have already started collecting their stickers that you receive when you do your grocery shopping at Woolworths. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school. The program concludes on Tuesday 19th September. Remember you can ask your friends and/or relatives to collect as well. The more the merrier!

Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet - which is attached to this newsletter email and when it is complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box in the school office foyer. Or you can send the stickers to school and we will place them on the Sticker Sheets.

FATHER'S DAY MASS:

We will be celebrating Father's Day with our upcoming Parish / School Father's Day Mass on Sunday 3rd September at 10.30 am. Traditionally we have had one or two dads speak on their experiences of being a dad. So we are looking for volunteer/s. Please contact either myself or Olive Chodowski (Religious Education Leader) if you are able to assist us.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Congratulations to Mark Chodowski, Erin Mithen & Jacoby who all selected 9 winners last round. Winnings can be collected from the school office.

THANK YOU:

To Mrs Olive Chodowski who has been Acting Deputy Principal while Marg Masseni has been away. Marg returns to work on Monday 14th August. Welcome back Marg.

REMINDER:

Our next SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY is WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER. OSHC will only operate if there are sufficient bookings. So if this is required please book ASAP.

David Kelly
Principal



Uniform Shop: Open Thursdays 2.30-3.00pm

Uniform can be order via email, stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com. Simply use the description on the form adding size and quantity.

Payments can be made with either cash to the shop, or direct deposit (details at the bottom of the uniform order form). The order form can be found on the school website under NEWS then Notes & Forms.

EDUCATION IN FAITH



Sacrament of Confirmation - Friday 18th August, 7pm



ALL Choir members are asked to attend this special occasion and to support our Year Six students. Please be there early – 6.40pm. Thank-you.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

*God of hospitality open our hearts
to the abundance of your love.*

*May we like Mary
MacKillop trust in your
loving care for us in
all the situations of
our lives.*

*May we share this
love in our world.*

*St Mary of the Cross,
open to God's presence,
pray for us. Amen.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * Our Year 6 students as they prepare to celebrate their Confirmation.
- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.



Parish News



Archbishop Denis Hart will be visiting St. Mary's Parish to administer the **Sacrament of Confirmation** to the Grade 6 children of St. Mary's & the Government school children on Friday 18th August at 7pm. As the Archbishop has recently celebrated his Golden Jubilee, the Parish Community of St. Mary's will be presenting him with an engraved Plaque congratulating him on this milestone!

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal – this weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help CatholicCare to support the most vulnerable people in our community, ie family & relationship counselling, refugee & settlement support, education and school programs & pastoral services. Vanessa Phillips from CatholicCare will speak about the works of the organisation at the 8.30am & 10.30am Masses. If you have forgotten to bring your donation with you, please take an envelope home and return it directly to CatholicCare.

The Feast of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated with a Mass on Tuesday 15th August, 2017 at 9.15am & 7pm.

Altar Servers Mass - Sunday 27th August, 2017, 10.30am. Fr. Shabin would like to acknowledge our Altar Servers for being active participants in the life of our parish. This special occasion is a 'Thank You' celebration for the time and commitment that Altar Servers have made to the life of our church. There will be pizza & some activities lead by the Youth Group, for our Altar Servers in the school hall after Mass.

Our next **Family & Youth Mass** will be on this Sunday 13th August, 2017 at 5pm. Music & Youth Programme will be led by the NET Team (National Evangelisation Team) All welcome!

TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 7th August, 2017



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Marylinda Abate

Manager: Eva Coppola

Tel: 9315 0799



PRINCIPALS AWARDS 7th August, 2017

PREP D	Keira L for her enthusiasm during all tasks.
PREP S	Anthony M for the great effort he is putting into his colouring in.
YEAR 1/ 2HT	Jackson B for being a caring friend and helping others in class.
YEAR 1/ 2S	Jack C for consistently working through tasks quietly and conscientiously.
YEAR 1/ 2N	Xavier R for his enthusiasm during maths sessions.
YEAR 1/2G	Senan D for his accurate subtraction work in maths.
YEAR 3/4M	Samuel M for applying himself and working hard in literacy circles.
YEAR 3/4HK	Lucas G for his hard work with equivalent fractions.
YEAR 3/4V	Aiden L for learning his multiplication facts.
YEAR 5/6C	Luke V for being an enthusiastic, encouraging & collaborative learner.
YEAR 5/6L	Grace M for being attentive during mathematics.
YEAR 5/6K	Jazmin D for being a helpful and friendly member of 5/6K.



ST. MARY'S CHOIR NEWS - REMINDER

CONFIRMATION MASS FRIDAY, 18TH AUGUST

The Choir will be leading the singing at the Confirmation Mass on Friday, August 18th at 7pm in the Church. This year is particularly special as the the choir will be singing not only for the children receiving the Sacrament but also for Archbishop Denis Hart. All choir members are needed to attend.

All members of the choir will need to wear their winter uniforms and arrive by 6:40pm.

Parents do not have to remain in the church during the ceremony and are more than welcome to bring their child to me at the church and return to pick them up from me, at approximately 8:15pm.

Thankyou to parents who have responded via Care Monkey to confirm their child's attendance. It is wonderful to see so many families supporting their child's commitment to St. Mary's School Choir.

I am looking forward to hearing all of the angelic voices.

Mrs. Angela Hamilton
Performing Arts Specialist
ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

ROUND 17

WILLIAMSTOWN SEAGULLS
EST. 1864

WERRIBEE FOOTBALL CLUB

Sunday 13th August - Burbank Oval
73 Morris Street, Williamstown
Seniors - 2.00pm

Development - 11.00am

WATERLINE PLACE
WILLIAMSTOWN 2016

FREE KIDS ACTIVITY ZONE

- ★ Chair o Plane Ride
- ★ Animal Farm
- ★ Speccie the Seagull
- ★ Coffee Van
- ★ Canteen

WILLIAMSTOWN 2016

WOMEN WHO BELIEVE LEAD CHALLENGE INSPIRE

ENROL NOW FOR YEAR 7, 2019
APPLICATIONS CLOSING 25 AUGUST 2017
CONTACT THE COLLEGE REGISTRAR ON 8398 2000

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE
Virtue Courage

Dedicating Today, Shaping Tomorrow.

For enrolment details go to www.msVic.edu.au
133 Maidstone Street, Altona 3018 | 03 8398 2000



Book Week competition

Book Week is coming....

From Monday 21st August to Friday 25th August, there are lots of exciting book activities heading to all our classes and the library.

As part of Book Week, we are running a photo competition starting next week and running until Thursday 24th August.



The theme of Book Week this year is "Escape to everywhere". Do you have a favourite place you like to "escape" to with a book?



Perhaps your reading escape place is inside?



Or maybe it's outside?

Or maybe it's a secret place?



Wherever it is, we'd love to have a photo of you reading in your escape place. Prizes will be awarded to the most imaginative and bizarre places - two prizes for Prep-Year 2 and two prizes for Year 3-6. Photos can be handed to your teacher at school or emailed to library@smaltona.catholic.edu.au and must be in by Thursday 24th August. Winners will be announced at assembly the next Monday.

Where will you escape to next with a book?

**The Athlete's Foot**
SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM

A PROUD SUPPORTER OF
ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL ALTONA

\$5 IS DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL
FROM EVERY PAIR OF SHOES PURCHASED*

The School Rewards Program is a great fundraising opportunity with \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased being donated back to your school.

This applies to the whole family across our fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes.
Ask one of our friendly staff in store for more details!

*See theathletesfoot.com.au/school-rewards for more details


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**PARENTS
AND FRIENDS
LAST
CHANCE!!!!!!**

**Don't forget to
return your**

Raffle tickets by August 15.

Scouts
**MONSTER
RAFFLE 2017**

As per previous years, 75% of all funds raised by St Mary's during the raffle goes directly back to the school community, that's \$1.50 for every \$2.00 ticket sold. More than 100 prizes to be won by lucky ticket winners include this year's 1st Prize, a Kia Sportage Si 2WD Petrol Auto, valued at \$33,353.00, other prizes are IGA Gift Cards, Logitech Surround sound systems and many other gift cards. **St Mary's P&F is also offering with many thanks to the following sponsors, a Park Lane Holiday Parks Voucher Value \$300.00 and a Phoenix Hotel Dinner Voucher Value \$50.00 to the family who sells the most tickets. GOOD LUCK!!!**



An information morning for prospective parents and students, including tours, will be conducted on Saturday 12 August at Emmanuel College:

- Notre Dame Campus, Pt Cook at 9:00am
- St Paul's Campus, Altona North at 10:30am.

For further information, or to obtain a copy of the College Prospectus, please contact College Registrar, Donna Grech, on 83255119. **A reminder that the closing date for applications for Year 7, 2019 is Friday 25 August 2017.**

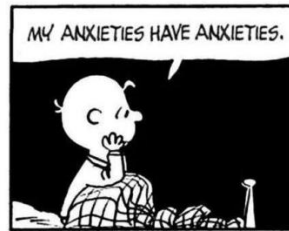


Befriending Anxiety

Joseph's Corner

A counselling service for families living with alcohol and drug addiction

Joseph's Corner warmly welcome you to "Befriending Anxiety"



The Venue

Joseph's Corner
Cnr. Campbell and Bellin Streets

LAVERTON
Telephone: 9315-2680

Counselling@josephscorner.org.au

Days

Every Thursday
for 4 weeks,
31st August – 21st
September.

Time

10:00 am to
12:00 pm.

Cost

There is no cost, but a gold coin donation would be appreciated.
Tea and coffee provided.

As a participant in this confidential group program, you will be in a safe space to:

- ✚ Learn to work with your anxiety.
- ✚ Learn how to make it be your friend.
- ✚ Learn strategies for knowing and managing your own challenges.
- ✚ ...all while helping others to do the same!



It has been shown that participating in a supportive group program can assist with managing anxiety for people of all ages and backgrounds.

