



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2011

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Dear Parents

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Next Wednesday 17th August we have our Shared Meal & Workshop commencing in the school hall at 6.00 pm. for our children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist either next Saturday evening or Sunday morning and their families. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers:

Gabriel Azzopardi, Grace Azzopardi, Rachel Currie, Cooper DeBono, Gemma Deller, Ava Denys, Zedekiah Didenkowski, Gigi Fantuz, Caitlyn Green, Luke Hale, Kiani Howell, Claire Jones, Samantha Kakoullis, Caitlin Kelly, Joel Knight, Noah Ligudzinski, Summer London, Jesse Longaretti-Schreppel, Isabella Merola, Sebastian Molinia, Samuel Molinia, Michael Morda, Mai Nguyen, Harrison Nugent, Eliza Pelns, Summa Polo, Jett Porter, Thomas Pye, Lily Sattout, Rafael Umana, Alana Vuleta, Shannon Williams and Ava Zammit



We're very pleased to inform you that our school has implemented a phone app called **Updat-ed** that will make connecting with you so much more convenient.

To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android's. Search for **Updat-ed** and from the menu select our school. We'll receive your registration request and we will need to approve you before your app is up and running.



So what will the app do?

The app's great for sending out alerts and reminders with one of its best features being the ability to save events directly into your phone's calendar.

If you are experiencing difficulty with your app please take a look at our [Trouble Shooting Guide](#). This guide can be found on the sponsor-ed website: www.sponsor-ed.com.au under SUPPORT. Any further queries should be directed to: helpdesk@sponsor-ed.com.au



Please state the following in your email to the helpdesk:

- Your school
- Name and email address
- Model phone/tablet
- Software version

We hope you enjoy being **Updated-ed**.

ABSENTEE FORM:

As part of our new App there is an online Absentee Form. Parents can simply complete this form and click submit. Completing this form fulfils the legal requirements of written documentation of a child's absence and there is no need to ring the school and leave a message. You can also access this Absentee Form from our school website. Click on the quick link "Absentee Note".

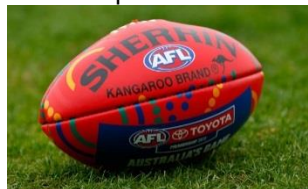


CUPPA AND CHAT

Remember our next cuppa and chat is next FRIDAY 19th AUGUST @ 9am in the staff room. We would love to see you there! Bring A Friend!

FOOTY TIPPING:

The Jackpot this week is \$10.00. With 3 Rounds to go there are 5 people within 3 of the lead. Good Luck!



FOOTY FUN DAY – FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

Subway Lunch Order forms were sent home this week. There is a copy on the website NEWS: Notes and Forms if you didn't get yours. Form and money are due back by FRIDAY 2nd September.

Help us advertise our special day by **colouring and decorating a poster**. Sheets available outside the staff room from Monday....or make your own and bring it along.

Face Painting will be available before school on Footy Fun Day. 50cents – proceeds go to our Sponsor Child Win Naing. Let us know if you may be allergic to face paint please.

Next Tuesday 16th August is a School Closure Day. There is NO SCHOOL on this day.

David Kelly
Principal



JULY AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to....

Ruby R (1 HK) for her responsible and sensible attitude towards herself both as a learner and a friend. She always tries her best with everything she does within the classroom and she shows respect for the other learners in the class. She knows how to be a good friend to all her

classmates. She has a quiet and confident manner and she is able to help those who may need some extra support with friendship in the class and in the yard. She is a role model for good behaviour choices.

Rachel C (3M) for being a conscientious and hard-working student. Rachel consistently tries her best in all learning tasks and helps others when needed. She is to be commended for her persistence and positive attitude, even when faced with challenges. Everything is done with a smile!

Livinia P (5 M) for always having a positive outlook on life and a smile on her face. Livinia is a joy to be around as she never complains, has a go at everything and leads by example by making the right choices.

Well done ladies!

Doing It Right

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

1/2G: Trinity, Ava, Alyssa,

1/2S: Sam, Keely, Isabelle

5/6C: Amelie, Luke, Porsha, James, Georgia

5/6L: Liam, Mark, Jack

5/6M: Noah, Faith

For being enthusiastic, handing in money, being cooperative, being a great mate in times of need, showing enthusiasm in Performing Arts, and loads of other great things.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS
8th August 2016

PrepHM	Alegra Da Silva
PrepS	Aaliyah Fallace
Year 1/2HK	Isabella Ameri
Year 1/2S	Callum Tucker
Year 1/2D	Allegra Guerrera
Year 1/2G	Dominic Carbone
Year 3/4M	Monae Sepsic
Year 3/4S	Bridie O'Connor
Year 3/4VH	Sofia Bitaks
Year 5/6C	Tegan Sortino
Year 5/6L	Millie Pilditch
Year 5/6M	Taj Tanti

Father's Day Family Night - Free

Come dressed as your favourite Super Hero

Make Dad a tool box and a card



Face painting

Sausage sizzle

Balloonist

Photo booth

Music Crazy bikes

Time: 6pm – 8pm Bunnings Altona

Date: Thursday 1st September



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

Dates to remember:

1. *Shared Family Meal & Workshop:* **Wednesday, 17th August, 6:00pm in school hall .**
2. *Celebration of First Eucharist:* **Saturday, 20th August at 6:00pm. & Sunday, 21st August at 10.30am.**

Monday 15th August is the Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary.

It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her Risen Son.



O God, who looking on the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, raised her to this grace, that Your Only Begotten Son was born of her and that she was crowned this day with surpassing glory. Grant through her prayers, that saved by the mystery of your redemption, we may merit to be exalted by you on high. Amen.

Altar Servers Mass-This Sunday 14th Aug-10.30am.

Fr Shabin would like to say *"Thank you"* to past and present Altar Servers for being active participants in the life of Mary, Help of Christians Parish, Altona, therefore this special occasion is a thank you celebration for the time and commitment that Altar Servers have made to the life of our Church. The parish will also organise some light refreshments after Mass for our Altar Servers.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * *All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support*
- * *All students who are preparing to receive their First Eucharist*



Choir News



A message to ALL Choir members that your notes for singing at Eucharist and Father's Day Masses need to be returned by MONDAY 15th Aug.



"May God bless you and keep you strong and help you with your crosses".

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 1900

IMPORTANT DATES

12/8	Athletic Trials	9.00- 1.30pm
15/8	Year 3/4 Prayer Assembly	2.40pm
16/8	School Closure Day	
17/8	First Eucharist- Shared Meal/workshop	6.00 – 8.00pm
20/8	Sacrament of First Eucharist	6.00 – 7.00pm
21/8	Sacrament of First Eucharist	10.30 – 11.30am
22/8	Year 1/2HK Assembly	2.30pm
24/8	Year 4 Camp	9.00am
29/8	Year 1/2G Assembly	2.30pm
4/9	Father's Day Parish Mass	10.30-11.30am
5/9	Prep S & Prep HM Prayer Assembly	2.40pm
6/9	ADSSA Athletics	
7/9	Family Maths Night	6.30-7.30pm
9/9	Footy Fun Day	
12/9	Year 5/6M Assembly	2.30pm
16/9	Term 3 Finishes	



Condolences to the Mercer family who's Grandmother sadly passed away- Giles 5/6C and Finan 1/2D



WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

MONDAY 22ND AUGUST

Get your skates and walking shoes on!!!



The following students have completion of the Premiers Reading Challenge.

Well done:

Cooper Thomas
Georgia Rada
Jade McGill
Oscar Fisher
Shiloh Cucanic
Donovan Sarai
Saxon Azzopardi
Lachlan Moore
Isabella Armeri
Sunniva Mullins
Giles Mercer
Porsha Guerrero
Chloe Coldrey
Kyle Escobar
Ella Long-Schreppel
Luke Cooper
Ethan Thorneycroft
Mark Misquitta
Thomas Jones

Amelia Pham
Isaiah Holland
Joshua Van Zyl
Ruby Ramsay
Thomas Hicks
Keyon'Dre Fallace
Zali McAvoy
Tahlia Sepsic
Jasmine De Thierry
Jesse Longaretti-Schreppel
Mackenzie Pace
Ryan Dawson
Kane Sortino
Liam Curran
Isabella Cassar
Michael Cassar
Kate Ealem
Matthew Nevins

Amelie Cowap
Alison Misquitta
Daniel Ciavarella
Jamison Lehrer
Amelia Papal
Aidan Long
Andrew Sougleris
Eyob Tsegay
Jessica Le
Alexandra Smedley
Michael Pye
Sara Adani
Kate Pope
Amelie Warby
James Curran
Sienna Cutajar
Maria Ngyyen
Alessia Abate



Uniform Shop - A **volunteer** is needed in our uniform shop. If you are interested please advise the school office. Thank you.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 15th August 2016



Wednesday Cynthia Bitaks
Thursday
Friday Paula Luppino

Manager: Eva Coppola



BOOK WEEK 2016

As part of our Book Week celebrations, on **THURSDAY 25 AUGUST** we would like children to bring in a copy of their favourite book to share with their class.

Get out your Bell Bottoms, Disco Dresses, Platform Shoes, Sequins, Glitter and Afro Hairdos because we're going back, way back... It's a **70s, 80s & 90s Retro Disco baby!**
So organise a group of friends, get your costumes sorted and save this date in your diaries...

There will be a DJ, lighting effects & a photo booth to capture the hilarity.

DATE: Saturday 15th October

VENUE: Koorungal Golf Club

TICKETS: \$28.50pp includes scrumptious finger food, drinks at club prices.

Tickets will be available through TryBooking from this Friday.



FAMILY MATHS NIGHT



Just a reminder that our FAMILY MATHS NIGHT is being held on Wednesday September 7th. All details can be found on the Family Maths Night form. It is a night for **all levels** and our families to work together through various maths tasks. The activities will be developed so that all levels will be able to participate in the activities so if you have children in different levels they will be able to do the same task.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS SCOUT MONSTER RAFFLE

Thank you to the 90 families that returned their Scout Monster Raffle Tickets and Monies by the closing date Friday 5th August.

We have raised a whopping \$1,356.00, Monies raised from the raffle are distributed to a range of projects worthy of additional benefit to support the school. Examples of the items that the P&F have provided for the school community include Computers, Sporting Equipment and Family Functions. Thank you very much for your continued support for the wonderful work which the St Mary's P &F undertake on behalf of all the families at our School.

Winning Tickets will be drawn on Friday 9th September and all Winners will be notified. A huge thank you to Anne Cooper and Andrea Herd for coordinating the Raffle Tickets.
Good Luck!!

Library - Book Week competition

As we mentioned in the newsletter last week, the library is running a competition to celebrate Book Week (20-26 August). Students are invited to guess which book will win the Book of the Year in the Early Childhood category. We have all 6 short-listed books in our library and you can come to the library next Thursday morning before school to hear the final two books being read during Need 2 Read time.

Listen and read the books - then vote for your favourite. You can vote any time next week when you're in the library - at lunchtime, at Need 2 Read or with your class. There will be voting slips and a voting box on the library front desk. Voting closes on Friday 19th August.



The book that gets the most votes will be announced as the St. Mary's winner at our Book Week assembly. Everyone who votes for the book that is announced as the official Book Week winner will go into the draw for some great book prizes! These prizes will be awarded at our Book Week assembly also.



So... come along next Thursday morning to hear "The cow tripped over the moon" and "Perfect".



JUNIOR GIRLS 'COME AND TRY FOOTY' DAY

Altona Junior Football Club are looking to develop their Girls Program for the 2017 season, and are seeking girls of all ages to 'come and try' footy at

J K Grant Reserve, Sugargum Drive, Altona
Saturday August 20th 2016
10am – 12 noon
EVERYBODY WELCOME

- Training drills run by Western Bulldogs women players
 - Giveaways
 - BBQ/Drinks
 - Special Guests
- Information about 2017 season

For more information call or email

Naomi: 0431 527362 ajfcadmin@gmail.com

Vinnie: vinnie_jenny@optusnet.com.au

<https://www.facebook.com/AltonaJuniorFootballClub>



The Feast of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated with a Mass this Monday 15th August, 2016 at 9.15am.



Church Cleaning - Do you have an hour to spare once a month? If so, please consider joining one of our church cleaning teams. Extra helpers are required! you can assist please contact Lucy at the Parish House.



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School Disco

The Annual St. Mary's School Disco will take place on the last Thursday of term 3, 15th September. So everybody get ready to BOOGIE! This is traditionally a highlight of the kids school social calendar. The kids are supervised all evening. Games and competitions will be run throughout the night and glow wear can be purchased. Kids write down your favourite song and place it in the song suggestion box near the office to hear it played on the night.

Junior

Prep – Year Two Disco will be from 5.30 – 6.45 pm.

Senior

Year Four– Year Six will be from 7.15 – 9.00 pm

Year 3 has a choice to attend either the senior or junior disco

Tickets are \$6 each book your tickets at trybooking.com using the code <https://www.trybooking.com/MHFW>.

Ticket sales will close at midnight Thursday September 8th.



VIP Access tickets are distributed the week of the event. Please ensure that your VIP Priority access ticket is brought on the night.

IMPORTANT:

There is an emergency contact number form for you to complete on the BACK OF EACH VIP access ticket, which will be sent home once payment has been received. This must be completed prior to entry.

Parents can collect their children from the disco via the McBain Street gate.

Newport Community Hub Open Day on Saturday 3 September, 10am to 1pm.



There will be a huge array of fun activities for families to enjoy, including:

- live music all morning, with thanks to the Newport Folk and Fiddle Club and Newport Lakes Primary School
- fruit and vegie swap, with thanks to Newport Organic Co-op
- a herbal tea stall and mending workshop , with thanks to Transitions Hobsons Bay and The Loom Room
- story time at 10.30am
- face painting
- art and craft activities
- a community Jam session in the recording studio
- LEGO and robotics workshops
- roving performers
- and much more!

Further information will continue to be updated via the [Facebook event](#)

**Wyndham Twilight
Track & Field
Series**

Victoria University Athletics Track
Hoppers Lane Werribee

All levels of ability welcome- Registration 6.00pm **Start 6.15pm Finish 7.15pm**
Werribee Little Athletics Centre
2016 Open Day and Registration – 17th Sept 10am – 12noon
VU Athletics Track, Hoppers Lane Werribee ages 5-15 www.wlac.com.au



ST. MARY'S CHOIR REMINDER!!

Thank you to all choir members who have returned their note, or parents who have emailed me, about their attendances at the Eucharist and Father's Day masses.

As the Eucharist masses are next weekend the 20th and 21st of August, could this note be returned as soon as possible? I have received only about one third of choir member's notes so far. If you have lost the note, simply email me.

Thank you for supporting your child as a member of the school choir. They have been practising very hard to make our school celebrations truly memorable.

Mrs. Angela Hamilton
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