

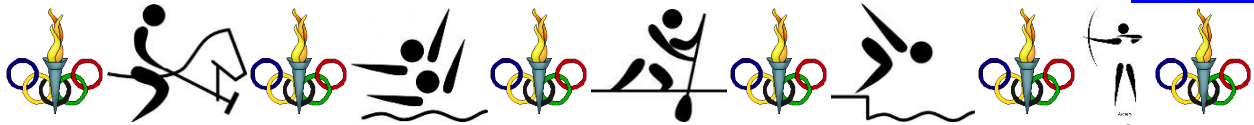


St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2016

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Dear Parents

No.25 19th August 2016

Thank you to all the school families and families from the parish that attended our First Eucharist Shared Meal and Workshops on Wednesday evening. There was lots of delicious food and excitable conversations during the shared meal in the hall followed by enthusiastic participation in the workshops. Please keep the children that are receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist on either Saturday night at 6.00 pm. mass or Sunday at 10.30 am. Mass and their families in your prayers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the teachers involved in preparing the children and assisting with the organisation throughout the program:

Ms Nancy Scuderi, Ms Alyce McConnell, Mrs Lisa Vella, Mrs Angela Hamilton, Year 3/4 class teachers and Mrs Olive Chodowski our Religious Education Leader.

An additional Thank you to Mrs Angela Hamilton, our Performing Arts teacher for her preparation and organisation of our school choir who will lead the singing at both masses.

A special thank you to our choir members who attended one or in some cases both masses.

MASTER PLAN WORKSHOP:

This will be held in the TRI Centre on Tuesday 23rd August from 7.00 - 8.00 pm. Mr Alan Cubbon, the architect who was pivotal in the design of our TRI centre, will explain the Master Plan process. Alan will then workshop with us on some high-level master planning ideas and answer questions about the process.

This is a great opportunity for you to contribute to the school's development over the next 5 - 10 years.

NAPLAN:

Parents of children in Years Three and Five will receive their children's NAPLAN results in a sealed envelope that was sent home with your child tonight. Also included in the envelope is a Student Report Information Brochure. If you have any questions about these results please contact your child's classroom teacher.



As mentioned in last week's newsletter our phone App has gone live. 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. We will do this as quickly as possible. Thank you to the 83 families that have already downloaded the app. For more details check last week's newsletter.

ABSENTEE FORM:

A reminder about our online Absentee Form. This can be accessed from our app and also our school website. You 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.

YEAR FOUR CAMP:

Our Year Four students are also excited as their Year Four Camp is fast approaching. They head off next Wednesday 24th August returning on Friday 26th August. This year they are heading off to a new camp, Allambee Camp which is located in Gippsland not far from the township of Yarragon. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the staff, Nancy Scuderi, Alyce McConnell, Lisa Vella & Nicole Singleton, who are willing to be away from their own families for these three days so we can offer this experience to our students. It is greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Mark Misquitta for winning a silver medal for sparring at the recent Karate Nationals. Well Done Mark!



To Ciara O'Connor for winning King of the Mountain at Mt Hotham School's Competition. Ciara competed in the Giant Slalom, Parallel Slalom & Snowboarder Cross achieving a First and two Seconds. Well Done Ciara!

FOOTY TIPPING:

The jackpot this week is \$15.00. With 2 Rounds to go there are now 6 people within 3 of the lead. Good Luck.

David Kelly
PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

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
2/9	Father's Day stall	
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	2.30 pm.



WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

MONDAY 22ND AUGUST

Get your skates and walking shoes on!!!



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.

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.



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 22nd August 2016



Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Marylinda Abate

Manager: Eva Coppola

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Celebration of First Eucharist:

Saturday, 20th August at 6:00pm

Sunday, 21st August at 10.30am.



A large number of our students will receive the sacrament of 1st Eucharist at the weekend Parish Masses. This is a major step in their faith life and they are to be celebrated and congratulated.

Prayer for a Child's First Communion



Lord Jesus, Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.

THANK YOU to three of our amazing and dedicated Staff Members who have greatly assisted me 'Behind The Scenes' in recent weeks and during the year.

1. **Maree Ryan** for photocopying, laminating, cutting and stabbing safety pins into 350 cards and medals for our school celebration of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.
2. **Nicole Singleton** for her photocopying, cutting and ironing Sacramental symbols onto our sashes for Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist.
3. **Valda Pedley** for creating, typing up and printing out the Sacramental Certificates for Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist.

A heartfelt thanks and many blessings to these committed staff members.

St Mary's Altar Servers

Fr Shabin celebrated a special "Thank you Mass" last Sunday for our St Mary's Altar Servers. They were each given an individual blessing and a small gift for being active participants in the life of Mary, Help of Christians Parish, Altona. The parish also organised light refreshments after Mass for our Altar Servers. A big thank-you goes to;



Jade Azzopardi, Anthony Briffa, Erin Cucanic, Ryan Dawson, Lachland Green, James Hills, Faith Kissassi, Gabriel Manguiat, Justin Nguyen, Mackenzie Pace, Anthony Price-Cofre and Michael Pye.

SPECIAL INVITATION

I would like to invite **ALL FIRST EUCHARIST** children to **CONSIDER** training as Altar Servers at Mary Help of Christians Parish, Altona. I would like to encourage their parents to allow their sons and daughters to join in this very special service. It will take **time** and **commitment** from students and parents. However, it is a beautiful way for the children to express their active support to the life of the Church and to learn how to become more responsible in their own year level. Please see me for an invitation form.

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



Social Justice News

We are continuing to collect items for our Year 5/6 Social Justice stalls later this term. We are after books or toys (in good condition) that can be donated towards our senior stalls. A big thank you to all those families who have already donated. Please drop off any items to Room 11 -Year 5/6C or the Office.

Kate Ealem & Tahlia Sepsic - Social Justice Leaders



"We are but travellers".

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 1867

~Olive Chodowski ~ REL

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 student's school social calendar. The students are supervised all evening. Games and competitions will be run throughout the night and glow wear can be purchased. Students 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](https://www.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.

We need your help!

Many hands make light work, to help make this an enjoyable event for all, we would really appreciate assistance on the night. Could you please email discokids@outlook.com with your preferred volunteer duty:

- Set up (1.45 – 3.00pm)
- Junior Disco (5.15 – 7.00pm)
- Senior Disco (7.00 – 9.00pm)
- Packing Up (9.00 – 9.30pm)

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.

Bad Moms Movie Night

A HUGE thank you to all of you who supported our Bad Moms movie night last Friday night. We had 64 mums & friends come to the movie. By the raucous laughter & snorting (yes, there was snorting!), we're pretty confident everyone thought the movie was completely hilarious. Over 50 of us then kicked on at Aqua e Vino & danced the night away in the private function room.

We drew the four prizes prior to the movie & the winners were:

Patrice Cassar: \$100 voucher & a gorgeous blue scarf from Yarra Trail

Amy Slattery: voucher for a facial at Breeze Beauty

Carol Steen: voucher for two cocktails at Acqua e Vino

Snjezana Ahlgren: Tia Maria gift pack

Thank you to all of our sponsors who donated items: Merlyn Fischer & Yarra Trail; Breeze Beauty; Aces Drive through Liquor; Acqua e Vino & the Sun Theatre.

We're thrilled to report we raised **\$519.80** for St Mary's, which is a brilliant effort.

Church News:

Australian Christian Meditation Community Victoria

Christian Meditation & the Family Caring for our world. Saturday 3 September 10am-3.30pm. Venue: "Amberley" 7 Amberley Way, Lower Plenty. Suggested donation \$20 per family. BYO picnic lunch. This is an opportunity for families to experience the practice of Christian Meditation in the quiet and peaceful surroundings of "Amberley".



Can you spare 30 to 40 minutes once a week? Bulletin Deliveries are required in the following Streets: Bell; Cobham; Purnell; Dove; Grieve Parade; Romawi; Belmar; Phair; Upton; Blyth; Burt; Kookaburra; Maidstone; Lark; Robin; Kearney; Logan; Lowe; Lugg; McAlpine; McBain; McIntyre; Millers; Queen; Railway; Rayner; Civic; Sussex; Hammond; Seaholme. Please ring Lucy at the parish house if you can help out.

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! If you can assist please contact Lucy at the Parish House

Celebrating 50 Years St Paul's Campus 12.00 - 3.30 pm all former students, staff and friends of St Paul's College and Emmanuel College are invited to celebrate 50 Years of Marianist Education at the St. Paul's Campus.

- Take a guided tour of the campus
- View photos and memorabilia from the College Archives
- Reconnect with former classmates and teachers
- Light refreshments will be provided RSVP by Monday 5 September, 2016 Sunday 11 September.

For further information: Email alumni@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au or call Michael Pichner, Leader of Community Relations on 8325 5197

- **Open Day** - Showing You Our BEST  **Sunday 11th September**

St Paul's Campus 10.30 am - 1.30 pm Notre Dame Campus 11.00 am - 2.00 pm

We are passionate about helping each student achieve their personal best in ALL aspects of life. Our dedicated and hardworking teachers, Catholic tradition and well equipped facilities ensure each student can achieve their best. Come see how by visiting the College on 11 September at our Open Day

St Paul's Campus
423 Blackshaws Rd
Altona North

Notre Dame Campus
2-40 Foxwood Drive
Point Cook

PO Box 5
Altona North 3025
www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

*Emmanuel College comprises our St Paul's all-boys campus and Notre Dame co-educational campus

- Next week Emmanuel students in the Friends of **Alice program** will depart for Alice Springs to support the Reclink Australian Rules football tournament involving indigenous teams from remote communities. Students will also get to know members of the indigenous community in Alice Springs and learn about the hope and challenges of the communities they meet.

Retro Disco **at St Mary's**

Parents, grab your friends, pull out that hairspray and fuzz up that perm. Get ready to party as the DJ spins retro classics at our Disco.

*Saturday 15th October, Kooringal Golf Club
Wilga Ave, Altona 7.00pm-12.00am*

\$28.50 per ticket • Rsvp 3rd October

Drinks & cocktails at bar prices

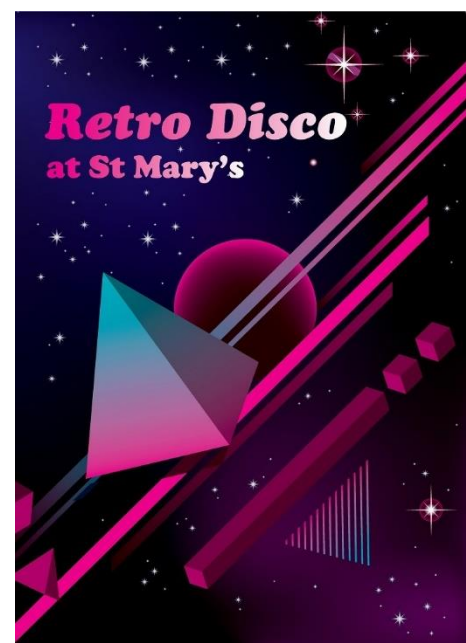
Scrumptious finger food provided

70's, 80's, 90's attire

No tickets sold on the night

Best dressed prizes!

**No Pass-
outs!
No acid
wash!**





JOSEPH'S CORNER

TRIVIA NIGHT



Time: 7:00pm for 7:30pm
start – 11:30pm

When: Saturday 15th
October, 2016.

Where: St Mary's Primary
School Hall, 118 Cecil Street, Williamstown

Cost: \$10 per person

Bring your own drinks and nibbles-looking forward to seeing you there!



For bookings please contact Debbie Di Genova on either 9315 2680 or 0413 987 514

All money raised goes to Joseph's Corner - Joseph's Corner is a non-profit support service to families living with alcohol and drug addiction.

ST. MARY'S CHOIR FOR FIRST EUCHARIST



A big thankyou to all who have returned their notes about which masses your child will be attending for the First Eucharist Masses on Saturday 20th August at 6pm and Sunday 21st August at 10.30am in the Church. If you have not returned your note and now find that your child can attend either one or both of the masses, our choir leaders Lauren and Jade would love to have them there to make the celebrations extra special.

All members of the choir will need to wear dark pants or skirts and as they will be wearing the St. Mary's choir polo, students should wear a top that the t-shirt can be worn over. I ask that all members be there 15 mins prior to the start of the mass. The ceremony should take about an hour. **And don't forget**, parents are more than welcome to drop their child off at church and pick them up at the end.

See you all on the weekend!!

Mrs. Angela Hamilton
Performing Arts Specialist

ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

Positive Partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

FREE two day workshop for parents and carers

Additional follow up session available

Workshop: 16-17VICC2

Location: Werribee VIC

Like all school-aged students, young people on the spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between home and school. Positive Partnerships use evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

Venue: Werribee Racing Club
2 10 Bulban Rd
Werribee Vic 3030

When: Two day workshop – Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st August 2016 (two consecutive days)
9.15am – 3.00pm (registration from 8.30am)

Online registrations for the two day workshop opens on Tuesday 19th July 2016 and close two days prior to the workshop.

If you have any enquiries phone the Positive Partnerships infoline 1300 881 971 or email
parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

Additional session – will be held on Wednesday 5th October 2016. Registration for this session will be taken at the initial workshop days and detail about venue will be shared on these days.