



# St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No.27 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017

**Thank you to Helen Mc Avoy for her co-ordination of another very successful Father's Day Stall. There were lots of excited children around our school today very happy with their purchases and looking forward to Sunday. Thank you to the many parents that assisted Helen prior to the day and/or helped on the day.**

## **FATHER'S DAY MASS:**

This Sunday at 10.30 am. we will join with the Parish in our annual Father's Day Mass. Thank you to Olive Chodowski (our Religious Education Leader) for her preparation and organisation of this Mass and to Angela Hamilton (our Performing Arts Teacher) for her organisation of the music and our school choir. All school families are invited to join us at this special celebration.

## **SPRING INTO HAPPINESS AND KINDNESS**

Thanks to everyone who wore a **SPLASH OF YELLOW** today to help celebrate the beginning of SPRING and our **HAPPINESS AND KINDNESS** day. As we know doing small 'kindnesses' for others not only lifts their spirits, but also our own. In the words of Mary MacKillop **"FIND HAPPINESS IN MAKING OTHERS HAPPY!"**

**A special thanks to Ally & Tegan for organising the day.** Come in and check out our Yellow Day board outside the staff room to see some photos and beautiful flowers made by the classes.

## **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:**

As you are aware our next school closure day is on Wednesday 6th September.

On this day Therese Sheedy will work with the staff on the restorative approach to behaviour management and the links that it has to Circle Time.

Therese is a nationally registered psychologist in private practice in Yarraville. She brings 20 years of training, facilitation, public speaking and counseling experience. She has training in positive psychology coaching and education, counseling and is a Restorative Justice trainer.

Therese will facilitate our PARENT INFORMATION SESSION on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. Notification has been sent through Care Monkey. For more information contact Marg Masseni [mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)

## **FOOTY FUN DAY – 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Wear your footy colours, face painting before school (50 cents), Subway Lunch - Order forms were sent home this week and are due back on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, competitions and giveaways....join in the fun!

## **FOOTY TIPPING:**

Thank you to all the families and staff that supported our Footy Tipping Competition this year. A total of \$1000 was remaining at the end of the competition. As is our tradition, half is returned in prizemoney (1<sup>st</sup> - \$275, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$150 & 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$75) and half is used by the school for special projects.

Congratulations to the winners: 1<sup>st</sup> - Paul Mithen (134 points), Equal 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mark Chodowski, Erin Mithen & Zuvela Blitz (133 points). Winnings can be collected from the school office.

## **DAD'S NIGHT**

Our next Dad's Night will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30 pm. in the school hall. Enter through the McBain Street gates. Just bring some \$5 bills for the bar. Table tennis, pool and possibly big screen footy. Darts will be singles. All are welcome. Ben London & Jarrod Pye on behalf of the Parents & Friends.

### OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September we are holding a Parent / Teacher Contact Afternoon from 3.15 pm. to 5.00 pm. It is an opportunity for parents to meet with classroom teachers to discuss issues related to their child and their learning.

**\*\*\*Please note: Interviews for Year 1/2HT will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September with Rowena Talbot.**

**All parents DO NOT have to attend this meeting, only those who have a concern.**

Teachers wishing to see parents regarding their child's learning will contact parents to arrange a time on this afternoon.

Parents will need to make a booking online for all appointments. Go to our school website for a direct link. Click on Interviews or go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow the simple instructions.

**The SCHOOL EVENT CODE is: 4e374**

**Bookings will open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept and close on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

David Kelly,  
Principal



### WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL

Our next Walk / Ride to School day will be on 13<sup>th</sup> September. Come along in an active way. Let's hope the sun is shining!



### PRINCIPALS AWARDS 28th August, 2017

PREP D	Ivan D for the great amount of effort he puts into his work.
PREP S	Giaulca C for igniting our interest in the Solar System by sharing his knowledge about it with us.
YEAR 1/ 2HT	Leyla F for persisting through some challenging tasks.
YEAR 1/ 2S	Isabelle C for continuing to work hard through all tasks.
YEAR 1/ 2N	Zali H for her4 thoughtful responses to book week texts.
YEAR 1/2G	Christos G for his interesting contributions during class discussions.
YEAR 3/4M	Sunniva M for her well-written procedural text on a craft activity.
YEAR 3/4HK	Rachel C for her quiet dedication to all her work.
YEAR 3/4V	Andrew S for competently solving elapsed time problems.
YEAR 5/6C	Elizabeth T for being patient, kind-hearted and caring towards others.
YEAR 5/6L	Layland P for showing persistence during difficult mathematical tasks.
YEAR 5/6K	Lachland G for setting a great example of behaviour in the classroom and displaying a growth mindset towards learning tasks.

### TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2017



Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



### ST. MARY'S CHOIR REMINDER!!

What a fantastic group of singers we have in St. Mary's School Choir this year. All members of our community have been commenting on just how joyous the choir makes our celebrations.

Thank you to all choir members who have responded, or parents who have emailed me, about their child's attendance at the Father's Day mass this Sunday, 3rd September at 10.30am. I ask that all members be there 15 mins prior to the start of the mass.

Don't forget to bring your dads!!!

Mrs. Angela Hamilton Performing Arts Specialist [ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### Father's Day Invitation

A special invitation for all St. Mary's families to attend our Parish celebration of Father's Day this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 10.30am. A wonderful way to start the day and say thank you to all our Dads/Granddads/Uncles etc and to remember and pray for all Fathers who may be sick or who have gone before us to rest in God's care.

Heavenly Father,  
You entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph,  
an earthly father.  
Bless all fathers as they  
care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience;  
and support them in their work.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



### Weekly Class Mass:

**On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept Year 3/4M**  
**will be attending the 9:15am**  
**parish mass. Family and friends**  
**are invited to celebrate and join**  
**the children in prayer.**



"God gives me  
strength  
for what is  
necessary."



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**Annual Father's Day Appeal for Retired & Sick Priests - 2&3 September 2017** - This important Appeal helps raise funds to enable the Priests Retirement Foundation to care for approximately 90 of our priests in retirement, one of whom is our past parish priest, Fr. Clem Cafarella. While many of these priests no longer hold official appointments in our parishes, they continue with great generosity to serve the people of the Archdiocese and their brother priests, in parishes through regular supply and chaplaincy work. A collection will be taken up this weekend.

**Fr. Shabin will be away on Annual Leave from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Please keep him in your prayers while he is away visiting his family in India. During his absence, there will be a number of different priests supplying Masses. On some weekdays, there will be a Communion Service when no priest is available. Communion Services will be indicated under "Mass Times" at the top right of the church bulletin. Fr. Denis Stanley will celebrate the 6pm Vigil Mass next Saturday and Fr. Tinh Nguyen the 8.30am & 10.30am Masses. Please welcome them.

**The next Mass for Family & Youth**  
**will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at 5pm**  
**All Welcome**

**Altona/Laverton Council of Churches – Refugee Ration Meal. 6pm, Friday 13 October 2017 at St. Mary's School Hall, Altona.** **SHARE** a meal based on typical rations available in a refugee camp. **HEAR** the stories of refugees from recent times and from a generation ago, who have now made their home in Australia. **SUPPORT** the work of 'Act for Peace' in providing for refugees in need today. Everyone is welcome! No charge – donations will be invited to support 'Act for Peace' programs for refugees. An attendance form will be placed in the Narthex by next weekend for you to indicate your attendance.

**Monthly Holy Hour** - All welcome to share in our Holy Hour on **Monday 4 September at 7.30pm** to pray for peace & reconciliation in the world. Rosary, Exposition and Prayers through the intercession of **ST. PIO** will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All Welcome

### Tea & Coffee

All welcome to stay for a cup of tea/coffee after Masses this weekend. If anyone is willing to host tea & coffee after the 8.30am & 10.30am Masses, please feel free to do so. All you need to do is set up and serve. Tea, coffee, milk & biscuits supplied.

# HOME QUALIFYING FINAL SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER



**Seniors - 2pm**  
**Development - 11am**



## Admission Prices

**Kids Under 15 - Free**  
**Adult - \$15**  
**Concession - \$10**

Pre-purchase tickets at [vfl.com.au/pre-sale](http://vfl.com.au/pre-sale)



## FREE KIDS ACTIVITY ZONE

- ★ Rock Climbing/Abseiling
- ★ Bungee Trampoline
- ★ Animal Farm
- ★ Speccie the Seagull
- ★ Canteen



## UNIFORM SHOP

Mon: 8:30am - 9:00am

Wed: 2:30pm - 3:00pm

[stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com)

BSB:063101 ACCO NO: 10121085

If you are unable to visit the Shop, you can complete and scan an order directly to them or you can 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.

## 2017 School Disco

The Annual St. Mary's School Disco will take place on the last Thursday of term 3, 21st 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](http://trybooking.com) using the code <https://www.trybooking.com/RBLB>.

Ticket sales will close at midnight Monday 18th September.

### IMPORTANT:

Names will be at the door. Please make sure all parent emergency contact information is filled out on trybooking when purchasing your tickets, including a parent contact number at the time of the event.

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

This event is organised and run by the P & F committee. To make it an **enjoyable** and most importantly **safe** night for your children we require lots of help!

### Volunteer - We need your help!

Many hands make light work! We really need and appreciate your assistance on the night with set up, manning the door, supervising inside, drink station, first aid, glow wear sales and pack up both for the junior and senior disco.

Please email:


[erinmorgan1177@hotmail.com](mailto:erinmorgan1177@hotmail.com) with your availability.

- Set Up (1:45-3:00pm)
- Junior Disco (5:15 – 7:00 pm)
- Senior Disco (7:00 – 9:00 pm)
- Packing Up (9:00 – 9:30 pm)

Working with Child Check: Yes or No

Thank you, your help is very much appreciated





**Williamstown Wolves  
Baseball Club**

**RECRUITING  
JUNIORS**  
(And their families)

T-Ball ages 4 - 7  
Junior Baseball ages 8 - 17

**FATHER'S DAY COME & TRY DAY**  
9am - 12 noon

**Sun 3 Sep (Father's Day) @ Melbourne Ballpark**  
Merton Street, Laverton

Bring the whole the family, BBQ breakfast, Coffee van, special guests & prizes

For more information or to get involved, contact the club.

williamstown.baseball.com.au  
juniors.wbc@gmail.com (Sarah)  
0419 750 916 (Ray)



**2017  
ST MARY'S  
KIDS DISCO**

Thursday 21st September

Junior Disco: 5.30pm-6.45pm  
Senior Disco: 7.15pm-9pm

**TICKETS \$6**  
**FOR TICKETS GO TO**  
<https://www.trybooking.com/RBLB>  
**GLOW WEAR WILL BE AVAILABLE TO  
PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT**  
Come dressed as your favourite pop or musical star.  
Games and prizes on the night.  
Place your favourite song in the song suggestion box near the front office.

**Hobsons Bay  
Libraries**



## SPRING 2017 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

For more information and bookings visit  
[libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)



### Program Information:

- Fizzle and pop show
- Wild Orphans
- Balloon-powered car rally
- Spring planting
- Rockets, catapults and other high fliers
- Pom pom pandemonium
- Upcycling creations
- Sparks and quarks workshop
- Musical jamboree
- Games afternoon

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**Early Learners – Altona North** has an exciting Family Fun Day coming up on the 16<sup>th</sup> September, from 9am – 12pm. There will be a coffee van, jumping castle, popcorn machine, fairy floss machine, animal farm and face painting! Fun for the whole family.