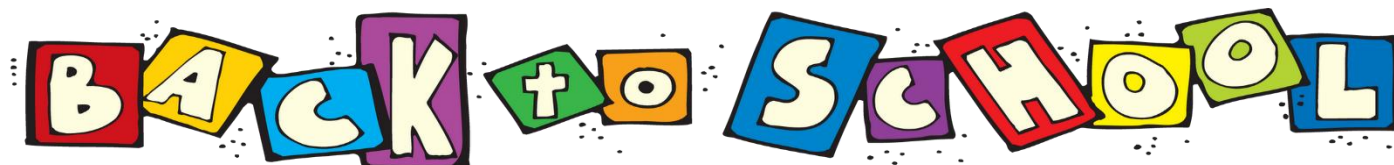




St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2016

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Dear Parents

No. 30 7th October, 2016

We survived a very wet and windy start to Term 4. **But who cares about the weather after that magnificent win by the mighty Western Bulldogs! Life is good!**

Mr. Kelly is having a wonderful time overseas. He has finished his tour of Turkey and is now enjoying life in Greece, making us all very envious!

Today a very excited group of **Year 3's headed off to Sovereign Hill** for their extended day excursion as part of our camp program. Look out in next week's newsletter and on Facebook for some photos and stories.

I am going to jump now straight to the **End Of The School Year**. Students will finish school on Friday 16th December at 3.30pm. Our Whole school Mass will be held at 9.15am that morning.

This week our **dismissal procedures** changed. Children who haven't been collected at 3.20pm will be sent to the teachers on yard duty. Remember to let us know if you are running late. We can let your child know and save them some worry.

This term we began wearing our **summer uniform** – not so good earlier in the week but great yesterday. Hopefully that beautiful weather will continue and we will see the students looking great in their summer dresses, shorts and logoed polo shirts, and shiny black school shoes. As you are aware, we are a **SUNSMART** school and hats do need to be worn while children are outside. We do have the SUNSMART widget on our school website, if you would like further sun protection information.

Thanks to Erin Boyd, a new member of the P & F committee for organising the **student's disco** at the end of last term. **Funds raised** at the disco have paid for **a new keyboard for the school**. Well done everyone for supporting this initiative. If you would like to help with future P & F initiatives, please contact Marilyn Fischer (P & F President) merilynfischer@optusnet.com.au or one of the other P & F members that you might know.

Did you know that we received a **\$5000 grant from the Hobsons Bay Council**? We will use this money in Term 1 2017 to upskill our Year 5/6 students in the area of Student Leadership. Thanks Fiona D (mum of Toby 1/2G & Allegra Prep HM) for your help in submitting the application.

Condolences to the Nguyen family (Tam 5/6C) whose grandfather and uncle passed away during the holidays.

Wishing everyone a wonderful term.

Hopefully we will see you at the **P & F Disco on Saturday 15th October** (starting at 7pm).

Regards,

Marg Masseni
Acting Principal



PRINCIPALS AWARDS 7th Oct 2016

PrepHM	Oscar Thomson
PrepS	Sophie Belton
Year 1/2HK	Daniel Ciavarella
Year 1/2S	Maddison Burns
Year 1/2D	Hugo Fischer
Year 1/2G	Aidan Krishna
Year 3/4M	Gabriel Azzopardi
Year 3/4S	Grace Azzopardi
Year 3/4VH	Zed Didenkowski
Year 5/6C	Luke Cooper
Year 5/6L	Mickayla Norman
Year 5/6M	Evelyn Nyugen



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: **YELLOW TEAM**

IMPORTANT DATES.

10/10	Year 1/2S Prayer Assembly	2.30pm
17/10	Year 5/6L Class Assembly	2.30pm
20/10	Year 3/4 Excursion to Polly Woodside	
24/10	Year 3/4VH Class Assembly	2.30pm
25/10	School Closure Day (First Aid training)	
27/10	Walk and Ride to School Day	
28/10	Red Day for Child Safety (Day for Daniel)	
31/10	School Closure Day	
1/11	Melbourne Cup Day	
3/11	Prep Breakfast (Hall)	8.00am – 9.00am
4/11	School Sports Day	
7/11	School Captain & Guitarist Assembly	2.30pm
8/11	Getting A Good Start	2.45pm – 3.15pm
10/11	GAGS	2.45pm – 3.15pm
11/11	Remembrance Day	
14/11	Year 3/4S Class Assembly	2.30pm
15/11	GAGS	2.45pm – 3.15pm
17/11	GAGS	2.45pm – 3.15pm
18/11	Walkathon	
21/11	Advent Liturgy Week 1 Year 5/6C	2.30pm
	Walk to School Day	
	Swimming Prep / Year 1/2 21st, 22nd & 23rd	11.00am – 3.00pm
22/11	GAGS	2.45pm – 3.15pm
24/11	GAGS	2.45pm – 3.15pm
	Prep 2017 Group Interviews C/room	9.00am – 11.00am
25/11	Year 5 Big Day Out	
	Prep 2017 Group Interviews C/room	9.00am – 11.00am
28/11	Year 3/4M Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Year 6 Transition Day	9.00am – 1.30pm
	Swimming Prep / Year 1/2 28th, 29th & 30th	11.00am – 3.00pm
30/11	Prep Open week - Wed 30/11 Thurs 1/12 & Friday 2/12	9.00am – 10.30am
1/12	Art Spectacular	6.00pm – 8.30pm
2/12	Advent Liturgy Week 2	2.40pm
5/12	Year 5/6M Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Swimming Prep / Year 1/2 5th, 6th & 7th	11.00am – 3.00pm
7/12	Prep 2017 Orientation Day	9.00am – 10.45am
8/12	Prep 2017 Orientation Day	9.00am – 10.45am
9/12	Advent Liturgy Week 3	2.30pm
12/12	School Captain & Staff	2.30pm
	Advent Liturgy Week 4	11.30am
13/12	Walk to School Day	
	Orientation Day Year 1 – Year 6	
	Year 6 Graduation Mass	6.00pm – 7.00pm
16/12	End of Year School Mass	9.15am
	End of School Year	3.30pm Dismissal



**Save the
Walkathon date:
Friday 18th
November 2016**

*doing it
for our kids*



WALKATHON 2016

Competition:

Design the 2016 St Mary's Altona Walkathon Poster

For your chance to win a Fantastic Prize, submit your A4 size entry in the box opposite the staff room by Thursday 20th October.

There are 3 categories, Junior (Prep - 1/2), Middle (Yr 3/4) and Senior (Yr 5/6), the winner of each category will win a prize and your entry will be the 2016 promotion poster and cover of the sponsor book. Winners announced in assembly Monday 24th October. Be in it, to win it!!



Walk / Ride to School Day

Come along in an active way on Thursday 27th October, our next Walk / Ride to School day. If you can help out by supervising a Walking School Bus this term please contact Marg Masseni. mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

DOING IT RIGHT

Congratulations and thank you to Dhriti (1/2G), Ruby & Jade (1/2HK) for handing in money they found. Well done!



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our SEPTEMBER AUSSIE'S OF THE MONTH

Mia T for her enthusiasm towards learning and ability to work well with others. Mia is always making good choices and helping at any opportunity.

Thomas P for his commitment to his class work and sensible approach to all that he does.

Liam C for having a great attitude towards learning and always welcoming a challenge. Liam consistently tries his hardest in all tasks and helps peers to the best of his abilities. He uses his manners at all times and is a great friend to others.



ST. MARY'S SPORTS DAY is on Friday 4th November.

We need mums, dads, big brothers or sisters, aunties, uncles and grandparents to help make it a success.

If you are able to help for all or part of the day could you **please submit the Google Form linked to this newsletter email.**

Any further questions please email Tim Lappin tlappin@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)

TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 10th October 2016



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday Marylinda Abate
Friday Anne cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



GARDENING GROUP

Kristen L (mum of summer and Maggie) works each Friday afternoon in the School garden with the Year 3/4 students. If anyone is able to help on a Friday afternoon from 2.30 – 3.15pm, Kristen would love a hand. You don't need to commit to every week but if you can that would be great. Please email Kristen - KLondon@mdgla.com.au

Unfortunately John (Eilidh's grandad – Prep S) is unable to continue his great work with the group. We would like to thank John for the time he has given to working with the other parents and students.



Fr. Shabin sends his best wishes from India. He is enjoying spending time with his parents & family. He sends his blessings and asks that you keep him in your prayers. Fr. Kerry Cronan, a retired priest will be looking after the pastoral needs of the parish and celebrating all Masses during Fr. Shabin's absence. Please make him welcome.

RETRO DISCO

Ticket sales for the Retro Disco closed last night. A HUGE thank you to all of you who bought tickets, we know you'll have an ace night.


The 5 lucky Early Bird Ticket winners were [Arlene Pye](#), [Erin Boyd](#), [Jess De Bono](#), [Andrea Herd](#), & **Susana Alves**. Congratulations you all won double passes to this year's Melbourne Leisurefest at Sandown Racecourse, 6 – 9 October 2016.

This week we'd like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations. These will all be featured in our **Disco Ball Bonanza**:

- ★ Airodrome: for 5 free jump vouchers & 80 \$5 off passes
- ★ Altona Bowling Club: gift voucher for Barefoot Bowls for up to 60 people
- ★ Nestle: for a Hamper full of Nestle products
- ★ Runkle Dell Rouge: \$40 Gift voucher
- ★ Wildberry Flowers & Gifts: for a gorgeous hamper

Please note that we will only be able to accept cash payments on the night.



Like our Facebook page for updates, donations, costume ideas & prizes. All the photos from the photo booth on the night will be uploaded to this Facebook page too, so  it to check out the hilarious photos capturing the night.

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysAltonaRetroDisco2016>

Learn music

here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, here at St. Mary's Altona.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4, 2016.

Interested parents should call Fiona during office hours on 9818 2333 or email fiona@creativemusic.com.au

 **Creative Music**
www.creativemusic.com.au



Pack your picnic and bring your friends to celebrate **Children's Week 2016** at the tenth annual Hobsons Bay City Council Children's Week picnic.

Everything is free:

- Kids' Own Book Cubby
- Jumping castles
- Face painting
- Roving performers
- Story time
- Giant games
- Musical performances by local schools

Please note that the Children's Week Picnic will replace the regular Rhyme time session at Williamstown Library and Story Time session at Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre on Wednesday 26 October. These sessions will resume the following week.

In case of wet weather the picnic will be held at [Altona Library](#) and surrounding halls. Visit the Council or library Website the day before for details.

Date: Wednesday 26th October
Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm
Location: Logan Reserve



Book Fair will run in Week 3: Monday 17th - Friday 21st October, before and after school (8-9 am and 3-4 pm) for children to come with their parents or make purchases on their own.

Surf Life Saving is highly regarded part of our Australian way of life.
The **Altona Life Saving Club** is a volunteer community based club committed to bringing families together in a healthy and happy environment and **we would love you to join us....**

Joining **ALSC** gives you the opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends and contribute towards making Altona Beach a fun and safe place for us all to enjoy.



Nippers

The Altona Nippers program aims to provide the opportunity for children to gain valuable surf and water safety information and build their skills in a safe and fun environment. The Nippers program incorporates the national Surf Education Program with activities aimed at building lifesaving, surf, competition, teamwork and leadership skills and is a training ground for tomorrow's lifesavers.

come along to our "Information Day"

Sunday 9th October 2016

11:00am – 1:30pm

Altona Surf Life Saving Club Rooms, 139 Esplanade, Altona

Training

Nippers training is held at Altona Beach on Sunday mornings from November to the end of March. Activities include beach sprints, flags, wading in shallow water, board paddling, swimming, relays and lots of fun games. In addition to our weekly Nipper sessions, additional training times are available for competition teams and there's also a fantastic fitness boot camp open to all members.

Beach Competitions are held during the summer months from December through to March.

From age 8, nippers compete in a range of aquatic and beach events designed to promote fitness and surf skills at all levels. Events include ironman & iron woman, surf swimming, board race, ski race (U17+), beach sprint, beach flags, surf boats (U19+), rescue & resuscitation, and a number of team related disciplines

Pool Competitions are held during the winter months from April through to September.

All age groups and events include obstacle swims, manikin carry, super lifesaver, Line throw, individual stroke races and team a variety of team relays.

For more information, enquiries and contact details visit

Website: <http://www.altonalsc.com.au>

