



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No. 31 13th October, 2017

Welcome back to Term Four hopefully everyone had an enjoyable and restful break over the previous two weeks. Although every term seems to be getting busier and busier it is certainly the case for Term Four. Here are some key dates that you have hopefully already marked on your calendar or if not please do so now:

School Closure Days: Thursday 19 October and Monday 6th November.

Year 4 Camp: Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th October.

Walkathon & Child Safety Day: Friday 27th October.

Prep 2018 Information Night: Wednesday 1st November.

School Sports: Friday 10th November.

Swimming Program for Prep - Year 2s: Commences Monday 20th November (Mon, Tues Wed for 3 weeks).

Year 5 Big Day Out: Friday 24th November.

Arts Spectacular & BBQ: Thursday 7th December.

Year 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner: Tuesday 19th December.

End of Year Mass at 9.15 am: Wednesday 20th December.

Children finish school 3.20 pm: Wednesday 20th December.

This is not a comprehensive list so please regularly check our school website calendar and our other online forms of communication.

SUPERVISION BEFORE SCHOOL:

A reminder to all parents that children should not arrive at school before 8.30 am. which is when playground supervision by a teacher commences. Any children who arrive before 8.30 am are to wait in the school foyer.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To the following Year 5/6 boys who represented our school in the Inter-school Sport Divisional Softball Championship last Wednesday at Presidents Park, Softball Complex in Wyndham Vale. The boys won their way into the final. Unfortunately they lost a high standard, close game 3 runs to 2.

Congratulations to: Layland Pappas, Oliver Jeffrey (Captains), Anthony Briffa, Thomas Chan, Liam Denys, Lucas Galea, Lachlan Green, Marcus Kruger, Lucas Mickovski, Jordan Schembri and Taj Tanti.

"Child Safety Day" Friday 27th October

WEAR a SPLASH of RED to show your support for highlighting the importance of Child Safety.

In the coming weeks we will be learning about the importance of safety in our classes and highlighting some of the following messages...

We ask that you reinforce these with your children.

- We have **rules to protect** us, our homes, our friends and our community.
- When playing sports, visiting friends or going to the beach or shops, it's important to **remember personal safety. Remember to tell someone**, where you are going, who you are with & more
- **Be alert** for the clues that warn us when something is unsafe. These clues can be as simple as smelling smoke which warns us there is a fire or a lock down alarm at school
- **If you feel scared, confused, sad or upset you need to REACT.** This could even mean breaking a rule, like smashing a window to escape a fire or screaming "NO" to an adult.
- **Tell an adult in your life who cares about your safety when there is a problem.** It's adults who can keep you safe from harm and who can make a situation safe again for you.
- Most children and teenagers have or will soon have access to social media and **staying safe online has never been more important.**

David Kelly
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH



2018 Sacrament Date

Confirmation: Term 1. Friday, 23rd March, 2018 at 7pm.
(The Sponsor must be a baptised Catholic over the age of 16)



Weekly Class Mass:

On Friday 20th Oct Year 1/2G will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.



"Love one another and bear with one another and let love guide you in all your life." 1909

TERM FOUR PRAYER

As our school families starts a new term
 Give us Lord, a gentle attitude to those we meet.
 Give us Lord, a humble and grateful heart.
 Give us Lord, tender love and compassion for all.
 Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

* The family of Gabrielle Montebello (5/6C) whose Grandfather passed away recently.



Family, Food & Faith: Enhancing the aroma and flavour of your family life. New video and print resources highlighting the place of family meals as a rich source of social, spiritual and physical nourishment, have been produced by the Life, Marriage & Family Office. Print copies of the booklet are available in from the Narthex, please take a copy. The accompanying videos can be viewed online at:

www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

We encourage you to read, watch and share these free resources with anyone you think will find them helpful.

Bulletin Deliveries: if any parishioner can spare some time during the week delivering to any of the following streets, it would be very much appreciated: Akuna; Bell; Blyth (part of); Belmar; Burt; Cambridge; Chorley; Civic (part of); Cowra; Cobham; Emery; Emu; Frazer; Grieve; Hammond; Kearney; Kookaburra; Lark; Lowe; Lugg; McAlpine; Maidstone (part of); McIntyre; Millers; Queen; Stirling; Finley; Keeshan; Merrit; Spear; Sussex & Waters. Please ring Lucy at the parish house if you can help out.

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be open from 8.30am to 8pm during daylight saving.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH: Small group Grief & Loss Education program

Each year we offer the opportunity for students who have experienced grief and loss to be involved in this program. The program has been designed to support all children and young people who have experienced loss and change. Content areas include change and loss as part of life, feelings, memories, choices and moving forward. Participating in the program aims to support young people to develop skills in communicating, coping, decision making and problem solving.

The Seasons for Growth grief and loss education program is conducted over eight 40-50 minute sessions with small groups of 4-7 children and supported by a trained adult facilitator ('Companion').

For more information visit the KidsMatter Website <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/programs/seasons-growth-0>

Please contact Marg Masseni mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au if you are interested in your child participating.

A program will be run in Term 4 given enough interest.



PRINCIPALS AWARDS 9th October, 2017

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| PREP D | Minh-Phi T for her enthusiastic participation in reading groups. |
| PREP S | Denise T for her beautiful handwriting. |
| YEAR 1/ 2HT | Zara R for being a very friendly and helpful member of our class. |
| YEAR 1/ 2S | Alegra D for her great narrative writing about a magical cat. |
| YEAR 1/ 2N | Copper T for his excellent commitment to improving his handwriting. |
| YEAR 1/2G | Nathan T for making better choices when completing classroom tasks. |
| YEAR 3/4M | Jessica L for her well-written and descriptive newspaper article about STEM. |
| YEAR 3/4HK | Zaii P for his dedication to his learning and his caring and friendly nature. |
| YEAR 3/4V | Kiani H for writing a captivating newspaper article about our STEM excursion. |
| YEAR 5/6C | Sienna T for her descriptive information report on Porpoises. |
| YEAR 5/6L | Nikita H for her enthusiasm during Social Justice stalls |
| YEAR 5/6K | Lachland G for his fantastic information report on Snow Leopards. |



27th October

The Parents & Friends would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations: Amart Sport - Maribyrnong, The Athletes Foot, Rebel Sport, RAYS, Puffing Billy, Sovereign Hill, Adventure Park Geelong, Enchanted Adventure Garden, Phoenix Hotel, Salter Cycles, 99Bikes, Koorringal Golf Club etc.

The Walkathon is held during the school day in the school premises and parents are welcome to attend. It is great to see the whole school walking around the course – an impressive sight. The children walk for an hour around an approximate 400 metre course. The younger years typically manage between 5-10 laps which fill them with tremendous pride. Parents are welcome to join in and offer their children support to keep going. You don't have to walk for the whole hour, just when you want. All walkers will also receive Super Dooper Icy poles after every 5 laps and a mini chuppa chup at the end. More details next week...

WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Our next Walk / Ride to School day is Tuesday 17th October. Walking School Buses will run on that day. **Please complete the Google form via the link on our newsletter email.**

We need supervisors for both buses but especially the Mc Intyre Drive bus, so please consider whether you can help us out.

“Famous” Disco (this one’s for the adults...)

Our “Famous” Disco is coming up in just over five weeks. This year’s theme is “Famous”. Come dressed as your favourite cartoon character (Flintstones, little red riding hood, superheroes, scooby doo, bart simpson, popeye, Mario brothers, Elsa or Anna) or movies (Greece, The Joker, Wonder Woman, The Adam’s Family, Star Wars) popstars (Britney, Elvis, Madonna, Marilyn Monroe, Pink, MJ, Queen) politicians or sport stars. Or if dressing up is not your style, then just come as your famous self. Prizes for the best dressed. Tickets are only \$28.50pp and includes gourmet finger food and candy buffet. Book your tickets today

at www.trybooking.com/SLIK

All friends and family welcome.

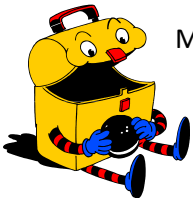


We are currently looking for businesses to sponsor the following:

- **Photobooth - Full Sponsorship of \$600**, in return you will have your business logo printed on each instant photo on the night. Last year we printed and uploaded over 300 photos on the night directly to Facebook.
- **DJ - \$450** – We will display your business logo on the DJ stand and acknowledge your support in our newsletter and facebook pages.
- **Candy Buffet - \$150** - We will display your business logo on the buffet and acknowledge your support in our newsletter and facebook pages.
- **Coin Toss Ladies – Vodka & Cosmopolitan Mix**
- **Coin Toss Guys – Chivas Regal**
- **Coin Toss Mixed – Moet**

We will also acknowledge your support in our school newsletter and facebook pages and company logos will also be displayed on a sponsor presentation board on the night.

If you can help us with any of the above, please contact Marelize on 0408 353 036 or email pmagius@bigpond.com



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday Lilia
Friday Paula Luppino

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

2017 ST MARY'S

Adult Disco

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THEME: FAMOUS PEOPLE
FRIDAY 17TH
NOVEMBER 7PM -
MIDNIGHT

Koorinal Golf Club
Tickets \$28.50
www.trybooking.com/SLIK



**Uniform Shop: Open
Thursdays 2.30-3.00pm**

Uniform can be ordered 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.

Our Book Fair is next week



Book Fair will be open Mon 16th October - Friday 20th (excluding Thursday which is a school closure day). Hours: 8.30-9am and 3-4pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to start getting ready for Christmas and stock up on Christmas presents for children, nephews, nieces, grandchildren... At the same time, you'll be helping our school. Last year's Book Fair raised nearly \$2000 worth of books that are now being used in our library, in literacy areas and in classrooms.

Kids Learn To Sail

TACKERS Kids + Boats = FUN

COST: \$211 for 20 hrs with Qualified Instructors.

INCLUDES: Club membership. Tackers kit. Certificate & photo. Boats. Life Jackets.

Commencing Saturday 28th October. 9:00-11:30am

For more information contact Gail: 0412 043 207
E: commodore@altonayachtclub.org.au
www.altonayachtclub.org.au/tackers

Australian Girls Choir:

Melbourne Open Day - Sunday 29th October

Now accepting 2018 enrolments for school-aged girls at our rehearsal venues in:
Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield, Cheltenham, Essendon, Ivanhoe, Kew, Ringwood and Yarraville.

Aspa Australian school of performing arts 03 9859 6499
aspagroup.com.au



16 Esplanade Williamstown

What's on in October

Wed 4th October **The Joy of the Gospel** Lectio Divina
7.30–8.30pm Parable of the Lost Coin (Luke 15: 8-10)



Burmese artist

Thurs 5th October **Let's Be Crafty**
10am-midday BYO craft or come along to learn something new.



Saturday 7th October **Jesus Today—His Radical Freedom**

11am–3pm BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided

What are contemporary artists saying about Jesus the Christ today? Who do I say he is? Let us enjoy some contemporary paintings of Jesus!

Therese Quinn

Cost: subsidised: \$10–15; Cost: \$20-25; Gift: \$30–35



Thurs 12th October **Organic Gardening for Life**

1-3pm



All welcome!

Thurs 26th October **Prayer & Spirituality**

1.30-3pm and repeated at 7.30pm

Earth Centre Stage: the interconnectedness of all that is.

Margie Abbott

Cost: subsidised: \$10–15; Cost: \$20-25; Gift: \$30–35



Stewards of the Earth
Jeanne Fry

RSVP 2 days prior to any session would be appreciated

St Joseph's By The Sea

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