



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, ALTONA

NEWSLETTER 2016

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Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK... Mrs Chodowski (5/6C) will return from Long Service Leave next Monday.

We will all be very glad to have her back.

HAVE FUN.... Mrs Harmathy who will start LSL on Monday. Enjoy!

No. 31 14th October, 2016

P & F DISCO

The night has finally arrived. Thanks to all the parents who have put so much effort into organising the Retro Disco. I am sure it is going to be a wonderful night. Enjoy, everyone!

SWIMMING PROGRAM – PREP TO YEAR 2

The Year Prep, One and Two students will take part in the school Swimming and Water Safety Program during Weeks 8, 9 and 10 of this term at Sweeney's Swim Centre in Pier Street, Altona. The program will commence on Monday 21st of November and will run for three weeks on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Swimming staff from the centre will take the lessons.

A note will be sent home next week to all children in these year levels outlining the dates, times and what students need to bring and wear. We need as much parent help as possible to assist with the smooth running of the program, so please think about whether you are able to help once or several times and indicate this on the permission note.

This will need to be returned to class teachers.

SCHOOL CLOSURE – 25th OCTOBER

Out of School Hours Care will operate if there are sufficient numbers. Online bookings are now being accepted for Tuesday, 25th of October, so please act now if this is required. Bookings close the week prior, so book in before next Tuesday.

SCHOOL SPORTS:

Our School Sports are to be held on **Friday, 4th of November** (Week 5, Term 4), at the Altona Little Athletics Track in Sugar Gum Drive (behind the Altona Hockey Club). Thanks to those who have offered to help out. If you haven't completed our Google form, please do so ASAP. The link is attached to this newsletter email once again.

RED DAY – PROMOTING CHILD SAFETY – FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER

Students and staff are asked to **wear a splash of RED** to school to highlight the importance of CHILD SAFETY.

The key messages we will be talking to the students about are:

- building good relationships
- belonging and connectedness
- child safety
- ways to develop good mental health.

Children will identify people they can go to if they want to talk about not feeling safe. Please take this opportunity to initiate discussions with your child and other family members about ways to keep safe, the importance of good relationships and to seek help from friends and family when they are 'down' or feel 'unsafe'. These are ALL vital parts of 'Good Mental Health'.

Whilst we are all eating lunch together we will hear from our Wellbeing Leaders, Ella and Isabella, on ways we can keep ourselves safe.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL:

If your children are currently in Prep - Year 5 and **WILL NOT BE RETURNING** to St. Mary's in 2017, please notify us ASAP principal@smaltona.catholic.edu.au.

Marg Masseni
Acting Principal

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR SCHOOL BOOK FAIR!

During this week all students have been over to the school hall to look at the AMAZING range of books for sale, which are suitable for ALL ages. Most students have written their personal 'wish list' of books they would love to have. Books can be looked at and purchased from **Monday 17th October to Friday 21st October. TIME: 8.30am – 9.00am or 3.00pm – 4.00pm in the hall.** EFTPOS is available. Orders can also be placed online at www.scholastic.com.au.

Please send the wish list to school with a note of your receipt number.

Anyone wishing to buy books for Christmas can have them delivered to the School Office for collection. In these cases, please ensure your name and contact number are clearly marked on the order so that we can contact you when the books arrive.

ALL purchases will benefit the school.

A special book character will be at our school assembly on Monday....watch out for him!

A HUGE thank you goes to Beryl Henry for organising the book fair.

IGNITE EXCITEMENT AROUND READING!



PRINCIPALS AWARDS 10th October 2016

PrepHM	Leyla Fenech
PrepS	Sedale Threatt
Year 1/2HK	Eyob Tsegay
Year 1/2S	Gisella De Luca
Year 1/2D	Jack Brkljacic
Year 1/2G	Amelia Papal
Year 3/4M	Cooper De Bono
Year 3/4S	Lily Sattout
Year 3/4VH	Gab Manguiat
Year 5/6C	Amelie Walby
Year 5/6L	Alannah Briffa
Year 5/6M	Mila Fanjek

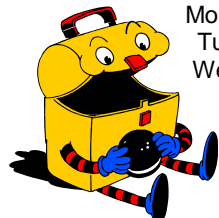


NORMIE THE GNOME



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**

TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 17th October 2016



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Caroline Cassar

Thursday

Friday

Rosemary Ciavarella's

Manager: Eva Coppola

Tel: 9315 0799

"Winter harvest is here!"



Please support our **school's vegetable garden** next Friday 21st October as we sell our harvested, organic produce that we've been growing through winter. We welcome gold coin donations which will in turn be donated to St Vincent's De Paul. Find us in front of the prep/grades 1/2 building on the netball court before and after pick up next Friday.

Thanks in advance for your support!"

IMPORTANT DATES.

17/10	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 or Ride to School Day	
	2017 Prep Information Night	7.30pm
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 3/4M 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 21 st , 22 nd & 23 rd	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 3/4S Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Year 6 Transition Day	9.00am – 1.30pm
	Swimming Prep / Year 1/2 28 th , 29 th & 30 th	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 5 th , 6 th & 7 th	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	2.30pm
13/12	Walk to School Day	
	Orientation Day Year 1-6	
	Year 6 Graduation Mass	6.00pm – 7.00pm
	Year 6 Graduation Dinner - RSL	7.30pm – 10.00pm
16/12	End Of Year Mass	9.15am – 10.15am
	End Of School Year	3.20pm

HOBSONS BAY JUNIOR COUNCIL Hannah D (5/6L) will have the privilege of speaking at the HBJC meeting next Wednesday 19th October. Hannah will attend the meeting with Angelo, Kate, Lauren, Alannah & Thomas also all from Year 5/6.



Date: 12 October 2016. The Graduation Mass for the Class of 2016 was celebrated by Bishop Mark Edwards, with Fathers Greg Trythall and John Healy at St Patrick's Cathedral, followed by the Graduation Dinner at the Sofitel. The evening was a wonderful time of celebration for our Year 12s, their families and teachers.

Congratulations to our graduands on the growth and learning achieved over their years at Emmanuel. We wish them all success as they complete final classes and prepare for their VCE exams.



St Joseph's by the Sea

What is on in October?

16 Esplanade Williamstown

*INTRODUCTION TO ORGANIC GARDENING

DATE Thursday, 13th October

TIME 1pm-3pm

FACILITATOR Annie Hingston & Carmel Crameri rsj

* CHRISTMAS CRAFT DATES Thursday, 20th October & Thursday, 27th October

TIME 10am - 12noon

FACILITATORS June Larkin & Mary Barrie

*JESUS TODAY A Spirituality of radical Freedom.

Imagining Jesus anew - with the artists of our times.

DATE Saturday 22nd October

TIME 11.00m —3.00pm BYO lunch

FACILITATOR: Therese Quinn rsj

COST BY DONATION Prayer and Spirituality Day

***THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL** (John 4:1-42) Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium (the Joy of the Gospel) has chosen the woman at the well as model of missionary discipleship (paragraph 120) What does this mean for us today? Date Thursday 20th October Afternoon session: 1.30pm—3.00pm Evening session: 7.30pm -9.00pm (repeat of afternoon session) Sr Therese Quin

RSVP email: admin.sjbtsw@sosj.org.au Ph: 9397 6012



Save the Walkathon date: Friday 18th November 2016

Competition:

Design the 2016 St Mary's Altona Walkathon Poster.

For your chance to win a Fantastic Prize simply design and draw a fun picture of the Walkathon at St Mary's. Submit your A4 size entry in the box opposite the staff room. Entries Close 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.

Great News!!!!

We have just secured some amazing prizes for walkers, great gear from Rebel Sport, Target Point Cook, Puffing Billy Railway, Sovereign Hill, Airodrome Jump passes and more will be announced over the coming weeks. Poster Winners announced in assembly Monday 24th October.

Be in it, to win it!!



It's finally here! The Retro Disco is **tomorrow night**. We're looking forward to having a drink & a boogie with staff, parents & friends of St Mary's Altona, whilst raising money for our favourite school.

The door list is printed so for those of you who have purchased tickets we look forward to seeing you at:

TIME: 7.00pm – 12.00am
VENUE: Koorringal Golf Course
Wilga Ave, Altona

Don't miss out on all the fun & hilarity; you've got until midnight tonight to grab a last minute ticket.

<https://www.trybooking.com/MBPR>

Why not leave the car at home & book the **Koorringal Courtesy Bus?**

Phone **0429 228 339 after 5pm** to book your pick up & lift home

There are no printed tickets for entry, names will be checked off a door list when you arrive.

You'll also be issued with an Airodrome \$5 off voucher as you come in which will be your ticket in our door prize draw on the night.

Please note: All items must be paid for in full with cash on the night too.



Like our Facebook page to view all the photos from the photo booth & other photos taken on the night.

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

We would like to thank all of our sponsors and families for their generous contributions to our Retro Disco, and for being valued and important supporters of St Mary's Primary School.

Our Sponsors include: Adventure Park, Agius Family, Airodrome, Altona Bowling Club, Altona RSL, Anaconda, Any Time Fitness, Arts Centre, Awesome Nail Bar & Beauty, Between 2 Buns, Bezirk, Big W, Bradrod Building Services, Budget Tyres Sunshine, Captain's Retreat B&B, Caravan Trade & Industries Assoc. Didenkowski Family, Doggydoll Mobolie Grooming, Enchanted Adventure Garden, Evolve Graphic Design, Fire Services Museum of Victoria, Hammamas Australia, Hangar 12, Harmony Vietnamese Cuisine, HIIT you Fit, Johnson Family, Koorringal Golf Club, Local Lawyers, Luscious Lawns, Mai Nice Nails, Mildura Golf Retreat, Molinia Family, Mosaic Restaurant, Nestle, Nu Energy Body Therapy, Officeworks Altona, Phoenix Hotel, Pier 71 Bar e Cucina, Ray White Laverton, Runkel Dell Rouge, Salt n Pepa Café, Santorini Restaurant & Bar, Savvy Cellars, Sea View Chinese Restaurant, Sovereign Hill, South Bay Eco Adventures, Stella Pizza, Strike Bowling Bar, Threatt Family, Tyrrell's Pharmacy, Vet to Home, Wildberry Flowers & Gifts, Wyncity Bowl & Entertainment.



As this is Fr. Kerry Cronan's last weekend at St. Mary's we extend a huge thank you to him for his presence here and for looking after the pastoral needs of our parish and celebrating all Masses during Fr. Shabin's absence. We have enjoyed having him here and hope to see him again.

Fr. Shabin will commence Masses on Thursday 20th October. A Communion Service will take place on Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th October. Welcome back Fr. Shabin!

Fr. Michael Kong who served at St. Mary's as a Deacon two years ago will be celebrating Mass for us next **Sunday 23rd October** at 10.30am. He is presently the assistant priest in Box Hill. Please make him welcome as he celebrates Mass with us.