



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No. 33 27th October, 2017

A huge thank you to all students, teachers and parent helpers at today's Walkathon. What a fantastic event it was... Not only did we all get out and get active, but there was loads of fun had as well. Now is the time to collect your sponsorship money and return it to school by Monday, the 13th of November. Remember to put your raffle tickets in your envelope as well – 1 ticket for every \$20 raised. Tickets and information about the number of laps your child completed were sent home today. Extra raffle tickets are available at the school office. The raffle prize draw will take place on Friday 17 November at 2.30pm in the hall. All welcome to attend. Money raised from this Walkathon will go towards adding more IT equipment to our classrooms. Please thank our sponsors for their very generous donations, without them we won't have these awesome prizes to reward our students for their effort. A complete list of our sponsors is included. Our P & F Committee has also donated Lego sets and Zooper Doopers.

CLASS GROUPINGS FOR 2018:

We are about to begin organising children into their classes for 2018. The following guidelines are used to assist us in creating the most effective classroom structures possible so that all children are given the best opportunity to succeed and to achieve their full potential, educationally, emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually. Things we consider are: Friendship Groups, Academic Ability, Behaviour, Gender Balance, Immediate/Extended Family, Maturity level, Number of Children on SWD Funding, Personality, Prior History (eg Previous teachers, Oldest or Youngest in the Group) and Social Skills. If you have any important information that you think will assist us in this process then please put it in writing or email me by **FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER**. Please do not make verbal or written requests to teachers as this places unfair pressure on them. The only information that will be considered at all is the information I receive in writing or by email, principal@smaltona.catholic.edu.au and is of a valid and relevant nature. I thank you for your support in this matter.

PREP 2018 INFORMATION NIGHT:

This will be held upstairs in the TRI Centre next Wednesday 1st November from 7.30 -9pm. All parents of children commencing Prep at St. Mary's in 2018 are required to attend. As well as being presented with information about next year, parents will need to select times that suit them for their child to participate in our Transition Program commencing on Thursday 9th November and concluding on Friday 1st December. This meeting is for parents only. There is babysitting available at school for 4yrs olds and above but you will need to contact the School Office by Tuesday 31st October if you require it.

Parking will be available in the school grounds on the netball court (enter via Sargood Street) or in Sargood Street. You can access the TRI Centre from the netball court or the small gate in Sargood Street. There will be no access via the main entrance to the school. Please pass this reminder on to any new families you know.

BOOK FAIR:

A huge Thank you to everyone who came to our Book Fair last week. Adding to our sales from the Book Fair were rewards collected from our normal Book Club purchases. This has meant that we were able to select over \$2,000 worth of books for our school. These books will be used in the library, in classrooms and in class literacy groups.

A special Thank you and Congratulations to Lyn Wheatland (Library Technician) and Beryl Henry (Book Club Organiser) for their co-ordination of our Book Fair.

OVERSIGHT:

In last week's newsletter we congratulated some of our students who competed in the Regional Athletics unfortunately we left Lachland Green off the list. Congratulations Lachland for competing in the long jump.

ARTS SPECTACULAR: Thursday 7th December. Hopefully you have this date marked on your calendar. A highlight of the year.

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 Wednesday 1st Nov Year 5/6C
will be attending the 9:15am
ALL SAINTS DAY parish mass.
Family and friends are invited to
celebrate and join the children in prayer.



"Never see a need without doing something about it." 1907



Today we celebrate World Teachers Day and especially remember those people who have helped us to grow and learn, who have inspired us and challenged us. We thank God for the love and care they have shown us and for being examples of Christian living. We celebrate all that they bring to their roles – their gifts, their talents, their knowledge and learning. Amen



All Saints Day - Wednesday, 1st November:
9.15am Mass.

All Souls Day - Thursday, 2nd November:
9.15am & 7pm Masses.

During the month of November, we remember our deceased loved ones. Mass offering Envelopes will be available in the pews and are also included in your set of Thanksgiving Envelopes. You are invited to place the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope and place it in the basket provided in the Church. Fr. Shabin will offer Mass for ten deceased persons at each weekday Mass during November.

If you require a Low Gluten Host, please let Fr. Shabin know when you approach him to receive Communion. Please note Low Gluten Hosts contain 6 parts per million gluten content. This is very low, considering Europe and the US classify any food with less than 20 parts per million as "gluten free". However this standard is not applied in Australia.

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; Stirling; Finley; Keeshan; Merrit; Spear; Sussex & Waters. Please ring Lucy at the parish house if you can help out. **Thank you to the Parishioner who volunteered to deliver in Queen Street.**

Celebrations for the month of the Holy Rosary from 22nd October to 31st October. For ten days, the Rosary will be recited half an hour before each Mass. 8.45am on weekdays; 5.30pm on Saturdays; 8am & 10am on Sundays. Please note there will be no morning Mass on Tuesday 31st October, instead there will be an evening Mass at 7.30pm preceded by the Rosary at 7pm to conclude the month of the Holy Rosary.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS

Week beginning 30th October, 2017



Monday
 Tuesday
 Wednesday
 Thursday
 Friday

Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola

Tel: 9315 0799



PRINCIPALS AWARDS 23rd October, 2017

PREP D	Adam C for your great work in reading group. Roland H for his effort in improving his number skills.
PREP S	Sienna M for the wonderful reading that she is doing at home and school. Ben D for the gr4eat progress he is making with his reading.
YEAR 1/ 2HT	Maggie L for her great effort in all class tasks.
YEAR 1/ 2S	Oscar T for his fantastic efforts with reading. Jonathan A for his great maths contributions to class discussions.
YEAR 1/ 2N	Jacqueline L for her excellent writing attempts.
YEAR 1/2G	
YEAR 3/4M	Jordan F for his wonderful working using the number line strategy in Subtraction. Allegra G for her hard work and enthusiasm in Literacy groups.
YEAR 3/4HK	Hugo F for his constant efforts to improve his writing. Alyssa T for her great efforts during Maths sessions.
YEAR 3/4V	Leon B for working hard to complete tasks to the best of his ability. Thomas A for sharing his thoughts and ideas during class discussions.
YEAR 5/6C	Giles M for excellent responsible attitude to all his learning. Mila F for her positive, enthusiastic and mature approach to all tasks.
YEAR 5/6L	Kyle E for his great work with volume, capacity and mass. Thomas C for his enthusiastic attitude during class time.
YEAR 5/6K	Olivia C for her excellent effort during Maths. Logan C for taking initiative in the classroom.



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.

A MONSTER thank you to all the schools and community groups for participating in this year's MONSTER Raffle, especially to those that were new this year. We really do value all schools and community groups that have, over the years, been involved in selling tickets and raising much needed funds for their school or community group, as well as supporting Scouts.

In 2017 the raffle was more MONSTER than last year! We sold more than 312,000 tickets and raised just over \$596,000 for schools, community groups and our Scout groups. Also our prize pool value was increased by \$10,000 to nearly \$60,000. This year's winning ticket was again sold by a school. The major prize winner, Sarah, was very excited to receive a new car.



CONDOLENCES:

Please keep the Vuleta family (Alana 3/4 HK) in your thoughts and prayers after the sad passing of their Grandmother this week.

Congratulations to the outstanding group of senior students commissioned at this week's assembly as College Leaders for 2018. They provided powerful reflections on how the Marianist identity of the College informs their leadership in committing to their roles of service. It was also exciting to welcome to this week's information evening the parents of our 2018 Year 7s – the Class of 2023!



A big thank you to our amazing sponsors, check out the great Prizes up for grabs at our Walkathon raffle on Friday 17 November...

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 x Park Lane Holiday Vouchers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 x Vouchers (\$50, 2 x \$100)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Altona City Soccer Club Gear & Ball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sovereign Hill Family Pass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 x Skateboards (AMART Sports) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Puffing Billy Family Pass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 x \$20 Salter Cycles Vouchers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geelong Football Club Signed (Printed) Footy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tent and camping chairs (RAYS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adventure Park Geelong Family Pass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 x Koorringal Golf Club, MyGolf Kids Lessons for 1 term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 x Sporting/Games items from REBEL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wyncity Games & Dinner Package 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 x \$50 Athlete's Foot Vouchers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enchanted Garden Family Pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80kg of Ice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phoenix Hotel Dinner Voucher \$50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jelly Beans