



St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No. 34 3rd November, 2017

I am writing to inform you that Ms Jacqueline Gomez no longer works at St. Mary's. We welcome Ms Emma Cairns who has been employed to teach Year 1/2G for the remainder of the year.

SCHOOL SPORTS:

A reminder that our Annual School Sports will be held next Friday, 10th November at the Altona Little Athletics Track in Sugar Gum Drive (behind the Altona Hockey Club). Children come to school as normal and will walk with their class to the track. The day kicks off at 9.20 am. with a welcome and events begin at 9.30 am and run through to approximately 2.15 pm. Parents can take children home at the conclusion of the Sports, (after notifying the appropriate teacher) those remaining will walk back to school with the teachers. If you are bringing your child's lunch to the Sports please make it a healthy lunch. Thank you to the many parents that have offered to assist us on the day. All parents are welcome to come and support the children.

WALKATHON:

All money is due in by Monday 13th November. The raffle for the prizes will be drawn at a special assembly on Friday 17th November commencing at 2.30 pm.

PREP BREAKFAST:

Is on Thursday 9th November commencing at 8.00 am. in the school hall.

PREP 2018 INFORMATION NIGHT:

Was held last Wednesday night upstairs in the TRI Centre. We have 50 children joining St. Mary's School in Prep in 2018. Twenty-one of the forty-eight families are new to our school.

GETTING A GOOD START (GAGS)

These sessions, for our 2018 Preps, commence next Thursday 9th November at 2.50 pm. in the TRI Centre and continue for the next two weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

ARTS SPECTACULAR:

Planning is well under way for this year's **ARTS SPECTACULAR** on Thursday 7th December commencing at 6.00 pm.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:

A reminder that Monday 6th November is a School Closure Day and Tuesday is Melbourne Cup Public Holiday. So enjoy the long, long weekend and school will resume on Wednesday 8th November.

David Kelly,
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH



2018 Sacrament Date

TERM ONE: Confirmation: Friday, 23rd March, at 7pm.

(The Sponsor must be a baptised Catholic over the age of 16)

TERM TWO: Reconciliation: Wednesday, 20th June, at 7pm.

TERM THREE: First Eucharist: Sunday, 19th August, at 3pm.

(Dates for all Sacramental Family Workshops - T.B.A.)



All Saints (Nov 1st)

All Saints Day is when the Church celebrates every saint, known and unknown, on one single day. The eve of this festival is known as All Hallows Eve, or Halloween. On All Saints Day we praise and thank God for what He has done for us through these holy people.

Father, All-powerful and ever-living God,
today we rejoice in the holy men and women
of every time and place.

May their prayers bring us your forgiveness and love
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



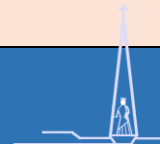
" God kept my heart full of trust to
make all come right." 1907



All Souls Day (Nov 2nd)

On All Souls Day, the Church commemorates and prays for all the holy souls in Purgatory. On All Souls Day we pray for deceased our friends, family & others.

Let us pray for our friends and relatives who
have died. May God lead them to the joy of
heaven and send us his comfort and peace. We
ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.



NATIVITY PLAY Once again, as part of the Christmas Vigil Mass this year we will be having a Nativity Play. Rehearsals will take place on **Sunday 3rd, 10th & 17th December from 11.30am to 12.30pm** in the Church. Children are asked to attend all rehearsals. If this is a problem please let one of the team members know. Permission Forms are available from the Narthex, School Office or Parish House. Completed forms may be left in the box provided in the Narthex, School Office or placed in the Parish House letterbox (marked attention Lucy) by no later than **Sunday 19th November, 2017.**

Please note, children will be given their parts in the play on **Sunday 26th November after the 10.30am Mass.** Please gather in the Church.

Monthly Holy Hour - All welcome to share in our Holy Hour on **Monday 6 November 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.

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.

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.

There will be an **Annual Memorial Service for November** in the Memorial Garden next Wednesday **15th November, 2017 at 7pm.** All parishioners are welcome to attend

The next Family & Youth Mass will be on Sunday 12th November at 5pm

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PRINCIPALS AWARDS 30th October, 2017

PREP D	Ania W for her great reading.
PREP S	Tashana E for her wonderful reading.
YEAR 1/ 2HT	Amanial T for a big improvement in writing sentences.
YEAR 1/ 2S	Skye A for being a friendly member of our class.
YEAR 1/ 2N	Augusta G for her excellent responses during class discussions.
YEAR 1/2G	Isabella M for working well and speaking confidently about how to look after pets.
YEAR 3/4M	Sebastian M for stepping out of his comfort zone and braving all camp activities with a smile!
YEAR 3/4HK	Ethan L for his amazing resilience and persistence at camp.
YEAR 3/4V	Thomas W for giving all camp activities and challenges a red hot go!
YEAR 5/6C	Michael P for his mature approach to all set tasks. He puts 100% into all his work.
YEAR 5/6L	Liam D for his great leadership and teamwork in class.
YEAR 5/6K	Oliver J for responding in a positive manner when faced with challenges in classroom.



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**



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

TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 6th November, 2017



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Caroline Cassar

Thursday

Friday Rosemary Ciavarella

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



Mount St Joseph Girl's College

Open Morning

Thursday 9th November, 2017

9.30am – 10.30am

This will be the final Open Morning for 2017.

Limited places available for 2018

Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the school on 8398 2000 or emailing College Registrar, Sherri Collins at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

If you have thought about foster care, please get in touch and ask the questions you have always wanted to.

Ring: Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE

Email: info@keyassets.com.au

Web: canifoster.com.au or keyassets.com.au

