

# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, ALTONA NEWSLETTER 2016

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Dear Parents,

No.34 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Our Annual ARTS SPECTACULAR is fast approaching. Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. This is definitely one of the highlights of the year. This year's concert is called, "FOLLOW THE MUSIC". It commences at 6.00 pm. and involves every class and child in the school including our school choir. This year we are trying something new. It will take place on our school oval. We have booked a stage and an audio company to handle the sound. The concert should finish around 7.00 pm. This week costume suggestions for each class were sent home with every child.

All families are then invited to join us for a BBQ organised by the Parents & Friends. They will also run a bar where beer, wine and soft drink can be purchased. During this time our Art Show will open. Don't miss seeing the amazing art work your children have produced throughout the year. This is all displayed both upstairs and downstairs in the TRI Centre.



We need a number of people to organise and/or assist at the BBQ. Please contact Merilyn Fischer ([merilynfischer@optusnet.com.au](mailto:merilynfischer@optusnet.com.au)) or the school office. *"Remember many hands make light work"*. You can help for a short time or a long time.

#### SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD:

The next meeting of the School Education Board is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November in the school staffroom, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Google Forms included with this newsletter email:

1. Walkathon Helpers: 18<sup>th</sup> Nov
2. Walking School Bus Supervisors and participants: 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov

**David Kelly,  
Principal.**



Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November is our next **Walk / Ride to School Day**.

Our Walking School Buses will run on this day.

Please complete the Google form included with this newsletter if you can supervise or you are going to participate.

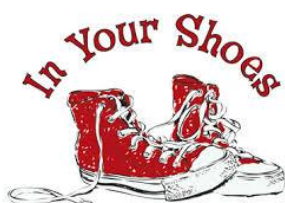
## IMPORTANT DATES.

14/11	Year 3/4M Class Assembly	2.30pm
15/11	<b>GAGS</b>	2.45pm – 3.15pm
	School Education Board Meeting	7.30pm
17/11	<b>GAGS</b>	2.45pm – 3.15pm
18/11	Walkathon	
21/11	Advent Liturgy Week 1 Year 5/6C	2.30pm
	Swimming Prep / Year 1/2 21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am – 3.00pm
22/11	<b>GAGS</b>	2.45pm – 3.15pm
23/11	Walk to School Day / Walking School Bus	
24/11	<b>GAGS</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	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 / Walking School Bus	
	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 for students	3.20pm



## PRINCIPALS AWARDS 31<sup>st</sup> October & 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016

PrepHM	Judah Didenkowski	Zara Azzopardi
PrepS	Jacqueline Le	Andy Jack
Year 1/2HK	Shiloh Cucanic	Jasmine De Thierry
Year 1/2S	Samuel Pelns	Augusta Georgiadis
Year 1/2D	Allegra Guerrera	Zali Howell
Year 1/2G	Thomas Azzopardi	Lucas Zun
Year 3/4M	Jordan Schembri	Ava Denys
Year 3/4S	Monae Sepsic	Anna Adani
Year 3/4VH	Grace Moon	Nicholas Christodoulou
Year 5/6C	Sara Adani	Elizabeth Teshomi
Year 5/6L	Hannah Jesaulenko	Kyle Escobar
Year 5/6M	Oliver Jeffery	Cooper Porter



This year we will once again be involved in the **Kids off the Kerb “In Your Shoes”** campaign.

In Your Shoes is an unwanted footwear collection program which aims to divert shoes from landfill.

Your shoes will be redistributed to people less fortunate. They will also be provided to affordable markets and help create employment and training opportunities for disadvantaged young people. In Your Shoes cuts down the amount of discarded shoes that end up in the landfill.

- Send all unwanted (but clean), footwear to school on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**.
- Shoe collection will be on the netball court before school.
- House points will be given for each pair of shoes brought along.
- Be sure to pair them up together by their laces or with rubber bands.

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### ❖ SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2017

**Reconciliation: Term 1. Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm.**

**First Eucharist: Term 2. Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm.**

**Confirmation: Term 3. Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7pm.**

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

#### Parish News

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Our Stewardship Program begins this week. The Program invites us to revisit our role as committed parishioners and how our parish can benefit from our collective gifts. The word parishioner means '*one who belongs to/is connected with a parish*'. Being a member of a parish means playing a part in the parish community in all areas, taking ownership and belonging to a family of faith believers. Over the course of the next few weeks we will look at the different areas of our parish and where each of us fits in.

**INFORMATION MEETING** - All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the major meeting of the Program - our **Parish Information Meeting on Tuesday 22 November**. For your convenience, we have scheduled two sessions - **10.00am in St Mary's Church** and **7.30pm in the School Hall**. This will be an opportunity for us to gather as a community to plan for the future of our parish and share a cuppa together. Please mark this important parish event in your calendar.

#### Parish News

#### Nativity Play:

A great opportunity for St Mary's students to take part in the annual Nativity Play

as part of the 7pm Christmas Vigil Mass at Mary, Help of Christians Parish.

*Rehearsals will take place on Sunday 4, 11 & 18th December from 10.30am*

*to 11.30am in the Church.* Parts for the play will be chosen on Sunday

November 27th. (please meet in the Narthex). Children are expected to

attend all 3 rehearsals, however if this is a problem please let a member of the

Children's Liturgy know or phone Lucy at the Parish House on 9398 2964.

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 20th November, 2016.*



**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016** at Mount St. Joseph Girls' College, 133 Maidstone St. Altona. Time 5-8pm (starting with a BBQ). Ages Year 9 to 35 years. Guest Speaker – Fr. Dan Serratore. Featuring ONE Worship. Register Free. Hosted by **St. Mary's Altona**. [www.melbournealive2016.e4ventbrite.com.au](http://www.melbournealive2016.e4ventbrite.com.au) For more info [dfairthorne@msj.vic.edu.au](mailto:dfairthorne@msj.vic.edu.au)



**Remembrance Day Prayer**

God of the living and the dead,

You gave your only Son for the life of the world ...

Take to your heart the men and women who died to give us life.

May we treasure the freedom that we have today

because of their bravery and their loving sacrifice.

We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus,

who died that we might live.

**Amen**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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



***"Do your best and God will bless your effort".***

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 1899

**~ Olive Chodowski ~ REL**



Our Walkathon is coming up next **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. Here are a few reminders...

- Spare sponsor forms are at the office.
- Children should wear their SPORTS UNIFORM on the day.
- Set up for the Walkathon will be at 11.30am.
- Children will walk from 12noon – 1pm.
- On the day of the walkathon, your child/ren will bring home their lap card, a letter of congratulations which will tell you the number of laps they walked and a page of raffle tickets for you to fill in and return with sponsor forms and money.
- For every \$20 raised children receive a ticket in the raffle.
- Sponsor forms and money should be returned to the school office via the classroom brown boxes by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- The raffle draw will take place at a special assembly, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2.30pm.
- WE NEED YOUR HELP ON THE DAY – PLEASE COMPLETE THE GOOGLE FORM LINKED TO THIS NEWSLETTER EMAIL



## AUSSIE OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER

Congratulations...

**Dominic C** for always working very hard and giving his best in all tasks. His classroom work is very neat and of high quality. Dominic has excellent manners and is great role model to his peers.

**Lexie R** for her mature approach towards her learning. Lexie works to the best of her ability and is always willing to help others in need. She is a wonderful asset to the classroom.

**Noah D** for making an impressive effort to apply himself to his learning in all areas of the curriculum. Noah's attitude has improved since the beginning of the year and he is now more positive which has helped his learning. He is a very happy student and his bubbly nature is a great asset to our classroom. We especially love his singing and dancing.



## 'OLD' MOBILE PHONE COLLECTION SAVES THE HABITAT OF THE EASTERN LOWLANDS GORILLA

Ella and Makayla from Queen of Peace PS spoke to us at assembly a couple of weeks ago about collecting old mobile phones and sending them to a recycler. Coltan is used in ALL mobile phones. If we collect donated old mobile phones, the company that recycles the mobile phones uses the Coltan in the phones, rather than mining for more Coltan and destroying the Gorillas habitat.

Please donate your old phones – they can be put in the box at the office or outside the staffroom.

Ella, Makayla and the Gorillas thank you!!!

## 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: **BLUE TEAM**



Date 7th November 2016

Following the conclusion of VCE exams, a team of senior students will be heading to Cambodia as part of their World Challenge project. The team has already conducted a number of fund-raising events, with the money raised to be donated to

the orphanage where they will be working. While these young women and men will make a significant contribution to people in need, involvement in the Challenge is also, for them, a wonderful gift and opportunity.



## TUCKSHOP HELPERS

Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Caroline Cassar

Thursday

Friday Rosemary Ciavarella

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



## Condolences

Please keep Caitlin Kelly 3/4S and her Family in your prayers following the recent passing of her Grandfather.



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IN A LONG HOT  
SUMMER**

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