



St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No. 36 24th November, 2017

It is with some sadness that I am writing to inform you that Ms Margaret Harmathy, Year 1/2HT teacher and Mrs Joyce Lalor, special needs and reading recovery teacher have informed me that they will be retiring at the end of this year.

Ms Harmathy commenced at St. Mary's in 1972 and taught here for 5 years, then taught elsewhere returning to St. Mary's in 1995 until the present. On behalf of present and past: staff, students and families I would like to sincerely thank Margaret for her contribution to St. Mary's over 28 years and we wish her every happiness for the future.

Mrs Lalor commenced at St. Mary's in 1998 and continued until the present year. On behalf of present and past: staff, students and families I would also like to sincerely thank Joyce for her contribution to St. Mary's over 19 years and we wish her every happiness for the future.

ARTS SPECTACULAR:

Our Annual **ARTS SPECTACULAR** is fast approaching, Thursday 7th December. This is definitely one of the highlights of the year. This year's concert is called, "A Christmas Story: The Original & the Best". It commences at 6.00 pm. and involves every class and child in the school including our school choir. Like last year 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.

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 in the TRI Centre. 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.



This year we will set up the BBQs and the bar on the oval so that people working in these areas will also be able to see & hear the concert. So bring a rug for a picnic on the grass. We will only set up a few tables on the basketball court. We need a number of people to organise and/or assist at the BBQ. Please contact Marilyn Fischer (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.

Fotofundraiser A fun-filled family portrait session at Altona beach with local photographer, and St Mary's mum, Samantha Georgiadis.

Check out Sam's Instagram account @GeorgiaGrafika for an example of her no fuss, candid style.

Photoshoot session including 2 high resolution digital images of your choice and a proof sheet of all images, should you wish to order more. Cost is \$30 per family. Spots are limited so book quickly. Digital images make great Christmas cards, gifts for grandparents or family. Use them as screen savers, post on social media or email to friends and family far away.

Get in quick – limited spots available. To book your session

email: merilynfischer@optusnet.com.au



David Kelly,
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2018 Sacrament Dates



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 Families and Friends are invited to celebrate the Advent Liturgies with their children in the coming weeks:

Week 1: Year 5/6C – Monday 27th November at 2:30pm.

Week 2: Year 5/6L – Friday 8th December at 1pm.

Week 3: 3/4M & 5/6K – Friday 15th December at 1pm.

Week 4: 3/4V & 3/4HK– Monday 18th December at 1pm.

Weekly Class Mass:

On Friday 1st Dec Year 5/6K will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.



"Do what you can and leave the rest to God." 1871



Nativity Play - Thank you to all parents who returned the Christmas Nativity Permission Forms. Children will be given their parts in the play this **Sunday 26th November after the 10.30am Mass.** Please gather in the Church. Rehearsals will take place on **Sunday 3rd, 10th & 17th December from 11.30am to 12.30pm** in the Church. We would like children to attend all rehearsals, however if this is a problem, please let one of our team members know.

The Rosary is recited in the Church from Tuesday to Saturday at 8.45am. All welcome.

Immaculate Conception Social Club Inc. Sunday 10 December 4pm.

All parishioners are welcome to attend Mass at St. Mary's Church Altona followed by a procession, concluding with a Musical Concert in St. Mary's Church Hall. Food & drinks can be bought at the bar. Please take an information booklet from the Narthex for full details or phone Frank on 9360 7857; Vince 9315 6385; Sandra 9315 6713 or check our fb page.

Please remember to collect your next set of Thanksgiving Envelopes from the Narthex. Your support is very much appreciated

TUCKSHOP HELPERS

Week beginning 27th November, 2017



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola

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PRINCIPALS AWARDS 20th November, 2017

PREP D	Minh-Phi T for her eager and positive attitude towards all her school work.
YEAR 1/ 2HT	Amelie C for participating during class discussions and asking questions to clarify things.
YEAR 1/ 2S	Luca D for trying really hard to complete his work.
YEAR 1/ 2N	Matilda D for always helping those around her.
YEAR 1/2G	Mia J for being helpful and always trying her best. Gabiella U for being helpful and always trying her best.
YEAR 3/4M	Thomas P for his enthusiastic and creative start to his Writer's Notebook.
YEAR 3/4HK	Zaii P for his dedication to his work and his friendly and happy personality.
YEAR 3/4V	Melina M for implementing reading comprehension strategies effectively.
YEAR 5/6C	Marcus K for immersing himself in all class activities and working diligently.
YEAR 5/6L	Millie P for her enthusiastic approach to all classroom activities.
YEAR 5/6K	Taj T for writing a fantastic explanation text on black widow spiders.



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: **Yellow Team**



HELP NEEDED BY PARENTS AND PAST STUDENTS

On **Thursday 14th December** from 9.00 – 11.00am we are taking on the mighty task of **cleaning 300 classroom chairs and 150 tables....**and YES we need help. All cleaning products and materials will be provided.

This annual event is open to all past students who usually have a great time catching up with each other and do a little...sorry lots of cleaning too. We would also welcome parents to come and help with cleaning the tables. If you can assist please contact School Office or myself via email. Thank you for your help. mmasseni@smaltone.catholic.edu.au

P & F Christmas Fundraiser (Refer to front page)

