

# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, ALTONA NEWSLETTER 2016

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Dear Parents,

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The ARTS SPECTACULAR IS NEXT WEEK, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The concert will commence on the oval at 6.00 pm. and should conclude just after 7.00 pm. So bring your picnic rug (front half of audience) or your deck chair or there will be school chairs available.

Following the concert all families are invited to join us for a BBQ. Sausages and burgers are \$2 each, veggie burgers are \$3. Drinks will be on sale in the hall. You can move to the basketball court where there will be tables set up or you can remain on the oval. The ART SHOW will open at this time. The magnificent work by the children will be displayed throughout the TRI Centre (upstairs and downstairs).

Thank you to Andrea Herd and Cheri Steen who are organising the BBQ however they do require helpers eg. to cook, to serve. Any amount of time you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Please don't leave it to the same people.

Looking forward to seeing you on the night!

## WALKATHON:

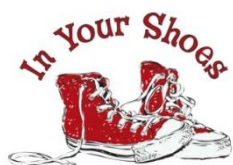
You can still send money to the Office from the Walkathon until Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov to receive raffle tickets in the prizes draw on Friday 2 December.

## BUNNINGS BBQ:

Thank you to Lisa Curran & Jarrod Pye for their organisation of last Sunday's Bunning's BBQ. Thank you also to the many parents who volunteered to help and/or who purchased from the stall. We raised \$1700 for the school.

**"A FANTASTIC EFFORT".**

**THANK YOU:** For your support of our **IN YOUR SHOES DAY** yesterday. There was a tremendous response to our request for old shoes which we will pass onto the **"KIDS OFF THE KERB FOUNDATION - IN YOUR SHOES PROGRAM"** who will distribute them to needy families. We have collected over **726** pairs of shoes that we will pass on. Thanks to everyone who helped or participated in some way – donating, collecting or counting & bagging shoes – a real team effort!



Thanks to everyone who joined in with **Walk / Ride to School Day** this week.

Many families joined the Walking School Buses but we always have room for more.

Please complete the Google form included with this newsletter if you can supervise or you are going to participate next time – **TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

## PARENT THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA

**Thank you** for your help and support during the year. We would like to invite you to join the staff for Afternoon Tea on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 3.10 – 4.00 pm** in the school hall (children will be supervised outside).



**Nonna's needed:** Volunteer Nonna's are needed **URGENTLY** 2nd December for 5/6 Italian Pasta making class. Please contact Mrs Hicks if you are able to help.

**David Kelly,  
Principal**



## 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).

Our **Advent Liturgies** have started.

Make this a special preparation time as we wait for the Coming of the Messiah.

**Week 2:** Year1/2HK, 3/4M, 5/6M, 1/2S

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 1:00pm.

**Week 3:** Year1/2G, Prep S, 3/4S, 3/4VH

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm.

**Week 4:** Prep HM, 5/6L, Year1/2D

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 11:30am.

**Year 6 Graduation Mass:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - 6pm.

**End of Year Mass:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - 9.15am.

### ADVENT

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, and with it, a new liturgical year. It is a good time to look at our faith and examine how much we are growing in our faith. The Sunday readings challenge us to get ready and prepared for the Promised One is coming, but we do not know the time or place.

**Stay Awake!**

Give us the true meaning of this Advent season, O God.

*Deepen our prayerfulness; alert us to the needs of the community;*

*Enable us to give generously; open our hearts with compassion;*

*Remind us of Jesus, the One for whom we wait.*

In grace-filled waiting, God's peace will be yours,

God's pardon will be experienced.

*Thanks be to God. Amen.*

**What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Christ in you?**

### 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.*



### Parish News

You are invited to join members of other Altona Christian communities at

Three Ecumenical Advent Services to be held at 7pm on the first three Wednesdays of December: 30<sup>th</sup> November at Trinity Uniting Church, Seves St.

7<sup>th</sup> December at St. Eanswythe's Anglican Church

14<sup>th</sup> December at St. Mary's Church. Each service will be about 30 minutes in length.

**Parish News** Immaculate Conception Social Club Inc. Venue: St. Mary's Church, Altona.

Friday 2 Dec 6pm Confession in Maltese & English; 6.30pm Rosary followed by presentation of flowers to Our Lady; 7pm Mass, followed by tea & coffee in the Church Hall. Sunday 3 December 4pm. Mass followed by a Procession in the street with the Statue of Our Lady, concluding with a Musical Concert in the Church Hall. For further information phone Frank on 9360 7857; Vince 9315 6385 or; Sandra 9315 6713.



**"God will carry you safely through every struggle".**

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 1870

**~ Olive Chodowski ~ REL**

#### IMPORTANT DATES.

28/11	Year 3/4S Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Year 6 Transition Day	9.00am – 1.30pm
	Swimming Prep / Year 1/2 <b>28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> &amp; 30<sup>th</sup></b>	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	1.00pm
5/12	Year 5/6M Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Swimming Prep / Year 1/2 <b>5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup></b>	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	3.20pm



#### HELP NEEDED BY PARENTS AND PAST STUDENTS

On **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** from 9.00 – 11.00 am 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. Thank you for your help. [mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)



Welcome to our new Year 7 students who join us next Tuesday for their College orientation day. This will be an exciting day for our new Year 7s as they take their next step in joining the College community, meet members of their home-room, get to know one another, pick-up their new touch-screen laptops and musical

instrument, and prepare for their new subjects. Their transition program, which continues over 2017, includes the Year 7 camp to be held at Camp Portsea in February.

## Family Fun Day -Altona West Kindergarten

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm till 7pm**

**AH Ford Reserve (next to Kinder) Lindwood Avenue, Altona**

Altona West Kinder is closing down this year so help us celebrate the wonderful place that it is!!

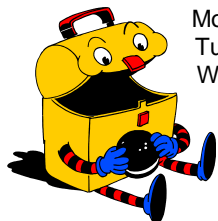
Past and present kids and Adults welcome.

**Animal farm, bouncy obstacle course, Trackless train, face painting, food trucks, ice creams and coffee**



## TUCKSHOP HELPERS

Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016



Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Manager: Eva Coppola      Marylinda Abate  
Tel: 9315 0799



TWO COOL WEEKS  
IN A LONG HOT  
SUMMER

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*Follow The Music* is a story of Cinderella trying to find her way to The Ball!! Along the way she gets to meet Sleeping Beauty, Rapunzal and a whole host of fairy tale characters.



Presented by all the students of St. Mary's

6pm start on the School Ova

Thursday, December 1st



## PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

As part of St. Mary's Annual Arts Spectacular, all the students will be performing as part of the musical, *Follow The Music*, next Thursday, December 1. The concert will begin at 6pm on the school oval.

The students are very excited about the concert and have been practising very hard. By now, all students would have been told of the costumes that they will need by their class teacher and it has been great to see so many students bringing them into school to show both their teachers and me.

**All students will need to arrive at the oval at 5.30pm in their costume.** Once on the oval there will be senior students who will be able to guide students to their class groups. The students will remain with their class groups for the whole performance. Families will be able to collect their child after the finale.

Less than a week to go!!! Getting very exciting!!

Mrs Hamilton



## Learn a Language on Saturday morning!

**Located at:** Footscray City College and Sunshine College  
Times: between 9.00am and 12.20pm

**Cost:** \$75.00 in year 1 to 10 and \$90.00 for VCE.

Adults may be accepted in VCE classes only and the annual charge is \$220.00

Online enrolments for new students in 2017 are now being accepted. For Further details please visit <http://www.vsl.vic.edu.au> or contact area manager on 9689 1166.



**The Kooringal Golf Club Foundation** is holding a Family Fun Day on December the 11<sup>th</sup>. The event starts at 1pm and goes to 6pm. We are inviting the whole of the community to this fantastic event. We have organised lots of free entertainment including live music, free rides and activates for the whole family. As well as cooking demonstrations, there will be food truck on site, wine tasting, PGA hitting practice and Santa arriving at 5pm with a small gift for every child.  
<http://www.kooringalgolf.com.au>