



# St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No. 37 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2017

Thank you to those parents that have either settled their school fee account or have met with me to make some mutually acceptable arrangements.

HOWEVER there is still \$56,267 outstanding. In fairness to the majority of families that have settled their accounts or have met with me to make some mutually acceptable arrangements the DEADLINE for settling all accounts is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

#### ARTS SPECTACULAR:

Is on next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 6.00 pm. The students are very excited about the concert and have been practising very hard. By now, all students would have been told by their class teachers of what costumes they need to wear. If you are still unsure please check with your child's class teacher. As has been mentioned previously, the concert will take place on the school oval. All students will need to arrive at the oval by 5.30 pm in their costume. Once on the oval the students will make their way to their class groups. The students will remain with their class groups for the whole concert. Families will be able to collect their child after the finale.

We will have a large area near the front of the stage sectioned off for picnic rugs and families that want to sit on the grass. Behind them will be an area for you to bring deck chairs and/or access some school chairs. Behind that area will be our BBQ's and bar area.

Thank you to all the parents that have offered to help. Many hands make light work.

#### SAFETY:

Please make sure you abide by the speed limit (40 kph) around and near to the school. A number of parents have raised concerns about the excessive speed that some cars are travelling at.

#### 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 18<sup>th</sup> December from 3.10 – 4.00 pm** in the school hall (children will be supervised outside). This will take place after our final assembly for the year to be hosted by our School Captains.



On **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** our Social Justice leaders have organised a **Multi-Cultural day**. This aligns with our Term 4 Integrated Units on Identity and Culture. We ask that students dress in their cultural clothing or the colours of their countries' flag. We ask for a gold coin donation and all money raised will go to Win Naing our World Vision sponsor child.

#### CONGRATULATIONS:

To two of our past students who have been appointed to the following leadership positions for 2018 at Emmanuel College:

James Bosnar - Student Board Member & McCluskey House Vice-Captain.

Francis Arquesa - McCoy House Captain.

David Kelly  
Principal

## EDUCATION IN FAITH



### 2018 Sacrament Dates

**TERM ONE: Confirmation: Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 our children in the coming weeks:**

**Week 2: Year 5/6L – Friday 8th December at 11.30am.**

**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 8th Dec Year 3/4V will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.**



*"God is all powerful and can do all things."  
(16.1.1875)*



**Nativity Play – Thank you to all parents and children who came along last Sunday after the 10.30am Mass to take part in our Christmas Nativity Play. Rehearsals take place on: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December from 11.30am to 12.30pm in the Church.**

**Parishioners are invited to a Farewell Mass for Jude Johnson, on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. Please stay behind after Mass to farewell him over a cuppa.**

**You are invited to join us at St. Mary's Church for an Hour of Grace on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, commencing at 11.55am for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**

**The family & Youth Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December will be incorporated with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 4pm. All welcome to attend.**

**You are invited to join members of other Altona Christian communities at three Ecumenical Advent Services to be held at 7pm on three Tuesdays in Dec: 5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> St. Eanswythe's Anglican Church;**  
**12.12.17: St. Mary's Church;**  
**19.12.17: Uniting Church.**  
 Each service will be about 30 minutes in length.

**Parishioners are invited to an Inauguration Mass for the Year of Youth on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am at St. Mary's Church. Host: Alive –Altona Youth. Enquiries: Jude Johnson, 9398 2964.**

**If you are able to help us celebrate Christmas in any of the Ministries listed on the Roster in the Narthex, please print your name and phone number in the appropriate column by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We hope to have rosters available by the weekend of 16&17 December, 2017. Thank you**



**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 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.**



### UNIFORM SHOP 2018

Next year the Uniform Shop opening times will change.

It will move from Thursdays to:

Monday 8.30am – 9.00am

Wednesday 2.30pm to 3.00pm

Orders via the internet can still be placed at any time.

PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING CLEARLY ESPECIALLY ITEMS THAT MAY BE REMOVED e.g. hats and jumpers.

## The Uniform Shop will also open for 2 hours ONLY between 11am – 1.00pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018, the day before the children start school. Thank you to Patrice and her helpers who have made this possible.

### TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2017



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Rosemary Ciavarella

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



### HELP NEEDED BY PARENTS AND PAST STUDENTS

On **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)



## Parents & Friends Christmas Fundraiser

**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: [merilynfisher@optusnet.com.au](mailto:merilynfisher@optusnet.com.au)



An Advent Prayer of *HOPE*  
in communion with  
**The Suffering People of Egypt**



**Wednesday 6th December 2017**  
**7.30pm**

St Joseph's By The Sea  
Williamstown

We will pray Mary's  
Magnificat,  
(Luke 1: 46-55)  
the "most revolutionary  
Advent hymn ever written"  
Bonhoeffer.

We will pray and write  
our own Song.

**Bring pen & paper**



RSVP 2 days prior would be appreciated

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