

St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No. 7 17th March 2017



Thanks to everyone who supported the National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence. Hopefully today your child has brought home a wristband and a pocket card which gives information about bullying. Classes have been working hard on spreading the message that bullying and violence is not okay; rather we should be being kind and caring of others.

We had a short special assembly today led by our Wellbeing Leaders: Ally Smedley & Tegan Sortino. Who should be congratulated for their outstanding organisation of the day (with some assistance from Mrs Masseni) Well Done girls. Each class displayed their bunting and their class pledge. Check out all the class pledges on the wall outside the staffroom and the bunting which is near their classroom. We also celebrated the day by every class coming together to eat their lunch.

ST MARY'S DAD'S NIGHT:

Ben London (Maggie Yr 1/2HT & Summer Yr 3/4V) and Jarrod Pye (Thomas Yr 3/4M & Michael Yr 5/6C) have organised on behalf of the Parents & Friends a "Dads Night" to be held in the school hall next Friday 24 March commencing at 7.30 pm. The idea is for dads to meet other dads, socialise, enjoy a few drinks and in particular make the new dads to the school feel welcome. Drinks can be purchased on the night and there will be table tennis and darts. All dads are welcome.

CARE MONKEY:

WOW! We nearly have all our CareMonkey profiles in. Only 20 students to go. At the beginning of next term we will no longer be sending paper forms home, it will all come through CareMonkey so please make sure to have it all ready to go. If you are having difficulty please email Ronnie Tucker: vtucker@smaltona.catholic.edu.au



Ex Student, Alyssa Mifsud – Melbourne Women's AFL, will speak to our Year 5/6 students next Monday 20th March and then come along to assembly to speak to the whole community about her experience in being drafted to the Women's AFL. Come along and hear what she has to say.

OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

These will take place on Monday 27th March.

Please click on the Interviews Icon on our website and follow the simple instructions.

The School Event Code is: 4bn79.

If you are not available on the allocated date please contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually suitable time. Online bookings are open now and will close on Friday 24th March.

**David Kelly,
Principal**

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Reconciliation News:



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Wednesday, 22nd March at 7pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

* Our Year 3 students as they celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.

Prayer for Forgiveness

O my God,
help me to remember the times
when I didn't live as
Jesus asked me to.
Help me to be sorry
and to try again.
Amen

Feast of St Patrick – 17th March

Traditional Irish Blessing for St. Patrick's Day

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rain fall softly on your fields,
and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand



"May God be praised for all."

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Weekly Class Mass:

On Friday 24th March Year 1/2N will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.



Parish News



Blessed Sacrament Chapel -

From Monday 3rd April, a new entrance will be used to enter into the Chapel. Entry to the Chapel will be via the single wire gate in McBain Street. Signage will be moved to show the new entrance. As part of the change we are hoping that anyone visiting the chapel will make the most of the beautiful surroundings in the Memorial Garden which we feel is not utilised enough. Access times to the Chapel will remain from 8.30am to 7pm. In preparation for our official opening we will have a **Working Bee on Saturday, 25th March, 2017 after the 9.15am Mass.** You are invited to come along and lend a hand.

Alive - Altona Youth –

Dear families and friends, our first Family and Youth Mass for the year took place last Sunday with the participation of fifty-five people. It was great to see school families join in with their kids for Mass and get together to share pizza, tea and coffee. I appreciate their presence considering it was a long weekend. In the coming months, I hope to see more school families join in this Mass with the children. It was also good to see many young people from the parish join in. We are proud to announce that the leaders of the **Alive Altona** youth group are; Celine Lopez, Shaan Ries, Khoi Nguyen and Toan Nguyen. Due to Holy Week and Easter we will not have the Family & Youth Mass during April. Therefore, our next Family & Youth Mass will be held on the first Sunday of May (7th May), as the second Sunday of the month falls on Mother's Day. There will be further information in the coming weeks.

Christian Meditation -

takes place every Thursday at St. Mary's. If you are interested in joining this group, please phone Lucy at the Parish House on 398 2964.

MARANATHA

Stations of the Cross –

will take place each **FRIDAY** in the church at 7pm during Lent.





We are still weaving stars....they can be sent in right up until the end of term and possibly afterwards. Check out the how to You Tube clip:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSjyDqztzaQ>

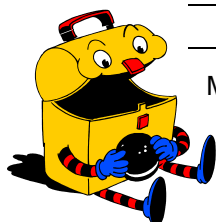


Thanks for joining in with our Walk / Ride to School Day today. Lots of people joined the walking buses or came to school in an active way by themselves. Our Most Active Class will be announced at assembly on Monday.

Our next Walk / Ride to Day will be on Wednesday 27th April.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Time
20/3	Class Assembly 1/2S	2.30pm -3.00pm
22/3	Sacrament of Reconciliation	7pm – 8pm
24/3	Inter school sports Round Robin Final	9.00am – 1.00pm
27/3	Class Assembly 1/2N	2.30pm – 3.00pm
	Parents & Teacher conferences	3.15pm – 5.30pm
28/3	WMR Swimming	9am – 3.30pm
29/3	Parents & Friends meeting	7.30pm
31/3	End of Term One	2.30pm
18/4	Start of Term Two (Tuesday)	8.45am



TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 20th March 2017

Monday
 Tuesday
 Wednesday Caroline Cassar
 Thursday
 Friday Rosemary Ciavarella

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

New Tuckshop list and prices are on school website - Please take note of the new prices

SPORTS & EXCURSION FUNDS (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

• \$125 for primary school students • \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY: Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef And return to the school office asap.



CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Training will begin next Thursday 23rd March at 8:00 to 8:30am in the school grounds. Permission notices have been handed out to any student in grades 3-6 who wanted to either participate for fun and fitness or to try out for our district cross country team which will compete in Term 2 on Tuesday 16th May. Training will run every Thursday morning for the remainder of Term 1 and into Term 2. All students are welcome to give it a go. Students age 9/10 will run 2km and 11/12 will run 3km. Training is about building up fitness, so if your child is not able to run that distance as yet, they are more than welcome to come and give it a go anyway. Hope to see many of you there to enjoy the running.

Tim Lappin

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS



Sport &



Loyalty Programs

St Mary's have established loyalty programs with both Amart Sports & Rebel. 5% of any purchases made at any Amart Sports or any Rebel Sport goes directly back to St Mary's. This helps us buy sports equipment for the school. Over the past year we've accrued an impressive \$569.10 at Amart Sports, so it really is a valuable program for our school. Mr Lappin has already used the points accrued at Rebel Sport to purchase equipment this year too.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Next time you're buying the kids new footy boots; runners; or sports equipment, go to an Amart Sports or Rebel & join up as a personal member. Then please ask them to link your membership to St Mary's. Please encourage family & friends to do the same.



Our **Easter raffle** will be held at a special assembly on the last day of term. You should have received your raffle tickets. If not, there are spare booklets available at the office.

To make this afternoon great fun for all of the children, we ask that you kindly donate an Easter gift (per child). This could be in the form of chocolate, a toy, or allergy free option. Please give this gift to your child, to give to their teacher over the next few weeks. Our magical Easter helpers will collect them from the classrooms each morning. We ask that they are in by Thursday the 30th of March at the latest.

Many thanks. **We really appreciate your support!!!**

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SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

Ideally we would like parents/grandparents of children that attend the school to have an opportunity to provide relief crossing duties for the school your child/grand child is attending. The appropriate training, uniform, equipment, pay (\$33.00 per hour) etc would be provided by Council.

Shift times vary but are usually 45 minutes and could be advertised as per your schools current time allocation.

We also have vacancies for permanent crossing positions in other locations (2 shifts 5 days a week – except school holidays) as well as the relieving pool (covering for people on leave or off sick).

If you have parents interested further information can be obtained by contacting Lyn McIntyre on 9932 1051 or email locallaws@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Lyn McIntyre

Liaison Officer Parking and Local Laws Coordinator