



# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2018

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### Dear Parents

This is an important message from Emmanuel College to all families for students entering Year 7 in 2020. **"You can lodge your applications anytime now and not to wait for their Year 5 NAPLAN results, as that date usually falls after our deadline being the 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2018. You can forward the NAPLAN results later in the year"**. Donna Grech, College Registrar: Emmanuel College.

### PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2019:

We are now accepting Enrolment Applications for Prep 2019. Information Sessions and School Tours were held this week. Parents with siblings already enrolled at St. Mary's will need to complete an Application for Enrolment form (that can be collected from the office or downloaded from our school website) and return it to the school office ASAP. Enrolment Applications close on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Please pass this information to any other families you think might be interested.

### SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD:

The Annual General Meeting of the School Education Board will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 7.30 pm. There are 3 vacancies for Parent Representatives on the School Education Board due to the fact that Diane Howell, Paul Kruger and Paul Moore have all served the maximum time of 4 years on the School Education Board. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Diane, Paul & Paul for their support and outstanding contribution both to myself personally as well as the school as a whole. Anyone interested in joining please speak to myself, Katrina Haby or Leonie Duane as ongoing members or one of the above exiting members. The School Education Board meets once a term. Nomination forms and an outline of the Functions and Purposes of the School Education Board are available from the School Office or on our website.

### SCHOOL FEES:

School Fee statements were sent home this week to all families with outstanding balances. As receipts are not routinely issued at St Mary's, these statements show how your school fee payments are progressively allocated against your account. Thank you to those families who have been able to pay their school fees in full and to those who have contracted to a direct debit plan. It is still possible to begin a direct debit plan, please contact Mrs Valda Pedley for details.

As all families are aware, unless you have contracted to a direct debit plan, one third of your 2018 school fee total was due and payable by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Unfortunately, 45 of our families have as yet made no payment on their account or contacted myself to discuss alternate arrangements. Can I ask these families to please rectify this as soon as possible or contact me for an appointment to discuss their fees.

If any family at any time has difficulty meeting their school fee commitments, please contact me for an appointment to discuss the situation.

### FOOTY TIPPING:

Congratulations to Dr. Foot who correctly selected all nine winners in round 3. The jackpot was \$15.00. No one selected all nine winners last round so the jackpot this week is \$10. Good Luck!

## PARENTS & FRIENDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

This will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May commencing at 7.30 pm. All parents are welcome.

## DAD'S NIGHT:

The first Parents & Friends Dad's Night of the year is on tonight in the school hall commencing at 7.30 pm. All Dads are welcome. If you would like to be kept up to date with events you can join the mailing list by emailing your details to Ben London at [benjilondon@hotmail.com](mailto:benjilondon@hotmail.com)



## ANZAC DAY

Once again this year, our school captains on behalf of our school community, will be laying a wreath at the Altona ANZAC Day Commemoration Service held at the Eternal Flame outside the Civic Offices in Civic Pde, Altona. Each student has made a poppy to contribute to our wreath. All students and families are welcome to attend the service which will be held tomorrow, **Saturday 21st April beginning at 3pm.**

We will meet together at 2.45pm near to the corner of Pier St and Civic Pde.

## CONDOLENCES:



Please keep the Longeretti-Schreppel family in your thoughts and prayers. Jesse's (5/6H) grandfather past away recently.

**David Kelly**  
Principal

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH AUSSIE OF THE MONTH STUDENTS:

Charlie Wright Year 1/2K, Lexi Robertson Year 3/4V & Logan Cheung Year 5/6L.

**Take a look on our website to see their smiling faces. NEWS: Aussie of the Month**

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Now that Term 2 is here, we ask that the children wear their Winter Uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform. If your child is unable to wear the correct uniform on a particular day, please inform their class teacher by sending a note or an email. Hats should be worn until the end of April.

**Please note that track suit pants should only be worn on PE and Sport days.**

The uniform should be worn with pride as it reflects the distinct nature of our school.

Boys Winter Uniform	Girls Winter Uniform
Navy Blue Pants (short or long)	Navy Box Pleat Tunic OR Navy Blue Pants
White Polo with School Logo	White Polo with School Logo
Blue Ankle Socks with Gold Stripe	Blue or White Socks
Navy Blue Crew Neck Jumper with School Logo AND/OR Navy Blue Bomber Jacket with School Logo	Navy Blue Crew Neck Jumper with School Logo AND/OR Navy Blue Bomber Jacket with School Logo
Black School Shoes	Black School Shoes



## WALK/RIDE TO SCHOOL

Our next Walk/Ride to School day is on next **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**. Please note that Walking School Buses will not run on this day.

## TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday **Marylinda Abate**



Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### 2018 Sacrament Dates

#### TERM TWO:

#### 1. Rite of Commitment Masses Weekend for Reconciliation & Conformation:

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm** - Mary Help of Christians Church **OR**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 8.30am OR 10.30am** – Mary Help of Christians Church.  
**Children are expected to attend ONE of these celebrations**

#### 2. FIRST RECONCILIATION DATES:

\***Family Workshop** evening on **Wed 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm** - School Hall or Narthex.

#### 3. \*Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance:

**Appointments for Individual Reconciliation with Archpriest Michael**  
**to be made with the parish secretary after May 30<sup>th</sup> on 93982964.**

#### TERM THREE:

\* **Family Workshop** evening – **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August** – School Hall or Narthex – **7pm**

\* **Shared Meal & Practice Session** – **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August** – School Hall – **6pm**

\* **SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST** – **SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST** – **3PM**



***"Have a pure heart and  
be faithful."*** 1871

God of Promise and God of Hope,  
 who through your great mercy  
 have granted us new birth  
 through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
 we praise your wonderful name!  
 God of Glory and God of Might  
 who through your great power  
 have granted us new strength  
 to endure all things  
 through faith in Christ  
 our risen King,  
 we praise your wonderful name!



## PARISH NEWS

Today is the **World Day of Vocations**. Pope Francis tells us:  
 We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in  
 mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of  
 doing things. We could lose the chance to dream big and to play  
 our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write  
 with us. God calls young people from our local communities to  
 serve as priests and consecrated religious.

We all have a role to play in helping young people to 'dream big'  
 and hear this call. What can I do to foster vocations from this  
 community?

**Please note that from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, the Anointing Mass will be  
 held once every quarter (3 monthly) at 9.15am** i.e. Sat 4 Aug; Fri  
 2 Nov 2018; Sat 4 Feb, 2019 etc.

**Child Safety Officer** – During the week Gavin Deller (on staff at  
 St. Paul's College, Altona and a school parent at Mary Help of  
 Christians) accepted my invitation as Child Safety Officer. His  
 mobile number is now permanently on the bulletin. If you need to  
 contact him with any questions or concerns - 0431 184 014.

**Please note there will be a Communion Service on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
 April, 2018 at 9.15am.**

**Parish Annual Financial Statement for 2017** is available for  
 people to read in the Parish Office or in the Sacristy from Saturday  
 14<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. (Please do not remove this  
 Statement from the sacristy or office).

*Archpriest Michael Kalka.*

**Oz Rosary #53** – join us on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at  
 9.30am to pray for Australia, its protection, future and  
 youth at Mary Help of Christians Church, Altona. The  
 number 53 represents the 53 Hail Marys in the Rosary.

**Understanding Mental Health:** How do we respond?  
 Christian Life Communities (an Ignatian Spirituality  
 movement) with St Joseph's By the Sea

Williamstown invites parishioners from Mary Help of Christians and  
 friends to attend this event. Date: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018. Time:  
 10am to 2pm. Light lunch included. Speaker: Dr Caroline Johnson  
 GP and Mental Health Clinician, Senior Lecturer, University of  
 Melbourne. Program: Address by speaker, questions and discussion  
 followed by guided Ignatian conversation and reflection. Cost: \$25.  
 Information: Chris Longman 0411 483 571. RSVP: 25<sup>th</sup> May to  
[chrislongman22@gmail.com](mailto:chrislongman22@gmail.com) or  
 0411 483 571

**St. Joseph's By the Sea**, 16 Esplanade Williamstown  
 The Song of Songs – Therese Quinn. Live-Out Retreat. 24, 25 & 26  
 April 10am to 3pm daily. (BYO lunch each day). Time to enjoy  
 God's Love through the lyric poetry and extravagant imagery of the  
 Song of Songs. These days will begin with a reflective session, after  
 which there will be quiet time and writing our own 'Song of Songs'.  
 Cost \$175.





### NEWS FROM AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

Welcome back to school – we hope you enjoyed your school holidays. This term we're looking forward to making new friends and learning new things through play and social experiences. We'll explore the environment in which we live in, broaden our creativity skills, build on our logic skills and practice the foundations of a healthy lifestyle through sport and physical development. There will also be time for cooking as well as quiet time for homework or relaxation and reading. You're more than welcome to visit us in the program at any time,

meet the team and see how we make kids smile every day. We look forward to seeing you and your family soon. To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit [www.campaustalia.com.au](http://www.campaustalia.com.au)

From the Team at Camp Australia



### PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018

PREP D	Angelina A for her great efforts in sounding out words when writing
PREP S	Jakub W for his great contributions in class discussions
YEAR 1/2G	Eva D for her hard work and determination when learning about place value
YEAR 1/2S	Roland H for his persistence with maths investigations
YEAR 1/2K	Grace T for using her own initiative and problem solving skills in the classroom
YEAR 1/2D	Samara F for her perseverance in understanding place value
YEAR 3/4M	Dhriti A for her continual hard work and commitment to maths strategies
YEAR 3/4HK	Gisella D for her dedication to taking on new learning and ideas in her writing pieces
YEAR 3/4V	Amber S for her contributions to text discussions during reading sessions
YEAR 5/6C	Lucas M for completing his homework to a high standard with great presentation formats
YEAR 5/6L	Shannon W for her amazing effort during all classroom activities
YEAR 5/6H	Bianca S for her top effort to unpack worded problems in maths

### KIDS SELF DEFENCE:

Kristy Busuttil - a St Mary's mum is running a kids self-defence and anti-bullying course at her Taekwondo School starting next Thursday. It is a four week course for kids aged 6-12 years designed to teach them skills and awareness. It will also deal with the importance of being aware of what bullying is, are they being bullied and what to do if they are. The Taekwondo School is located at 3 Commercial Street, Maidstone. Please contact Kristy on **0400 483 353** for further details.

Registrations  
NOW OPEN

## KIDS SELF DEFENCE

Starts April 26th 7pm  
4 week course  
Anti bullying / street self  
defence  
Helping kids build confidence,  
awareness and non aggressive  
life skills for inside and outside  
the school yard.  
\$80pp ages 6-12years

[www.jeongsintaekwondo.com.au](http://www.jeongsintaekwondo.com.au) / 0400483353

### ST PAULS CAMPUS: OPEN DAY

## Showing You Our BEST ★

## Sunday 6 May

## St Paul's Campus

## 10.30am - 1.30pm

## ***High Tea with Joseph's Corner***

*Come and join us for a great afternoon!*



*All funds raised will go to Joseph's Corner.*

**Where:** Mount St. Joseph's Girls College  
129-133 Maidstone St, Altona

**When:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Time:** 2pm – 5pm

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person

There will be raffles, a silent auction, door prizes, guest speakers,  
great food and lots more.

For bookings please call Joseph's Corner on 9315-2680 or  
Tania on 0439 165 660.

## ***Open Day*** — 2018 —

*We invite you to explore our College and see what  
makes us leaders in educating girls*

**Sunday 20 May**  
**10:00am - 1:00pm**

**Principal's address**  
**10:30am, 11:30am & 12:30pm**



Register online at [www.msj.vic.edu.au](http://www.msj.vic.edu.au)

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