



St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2016

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Dear Parents,

No 11. 29TH April 2016

I would sincerely like to thank all parents and students for your support and co-operation of our reviewed Playground Expectations Before and After school.

MOTHER'S DAY MASS:

As I am sure you are aware next Sunday 8th May is Mother's Day and I invite all school families to join us at our combined Parish and School Celebration Mass at 10.30 am. This has traditionally been a wonderful celebration of and for all mothers. I hope as many school families as possible can be part of this school and parish mass.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL:

Mother's Day Stall Friday 6th of May

All children will be taken to the hall Friday morning and have the opportunity to purchase a beautiful gift for Mum, Nan, Gran, Auntie or that Special Lady in their life.

All gifts will range between \$2 & \$6.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:

Is Tuesday 31st May. There is NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY. Out of School Hours Care will operate if there are sufficient numbers. Online bookings are now being accepted so please act now if this is required.

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PREP 2017 ENROLMENTS:

This week we had our Prep 2017 Information Sessions and School Tours. Thank you to some of our School Leaders who conducted the school tours. There were lots of positive comments from new parents about how impressed they were with the way these Year 6 students spoke about their school. Enrolment Applications for Prep 2017 close on Friday 20th May.

FOOTY TIPPING:

No one correctly tipped all nine winners last round so the jackpot this round is \$30.00. Good Luck!

We have already received 20 Applications so if you know someone who is thinking of sending their child to St. Mary's please ask them to contact the school office for an Application for Enrolment Form or download one from our website as soon as possible. Any existing parents of St. Mary's who have a child they are wishing to enrol please do so immediately.

DYSLEXIA PRESENTATION:

Last night we had a very successful Information session on Dyslexia conducted by Kristin Anthian, an expert in this area. 80+ parents attended plus a large number of staff. Thank you to Joyce Lalor, Margaret Masseni, Nancy Scuderi & Cathy Sims for their organisation of the evening.

REBEL & AMART SPORT STORES:

Thanks to our P & F if you nominate St. Mary's School when you make a purchase we receive 5% of the sale. Happy Shopping!

David Kelly
Principal



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**

WELLBEING NEWS THIS WEEK

This week, Michael Grose writes....

There's no better feeling as a parent than watching your child beam with joy and pride when they've mastered a new skill, overcome a challenge or conquered a fear. Those smiles won't happen by accident.

Read this week's article DO YOU LET YOUR KIDS AMAZE YOU? to find out some ways that you can help those smiles come more easily.

http://www.smaltona.catholic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/1461485288pi_insightsletkidsamaze_lr.pdf



WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Thanks to everyone who came along in an active way this week. Year 5/6C was our Most Active Class while Year 3/4M was the Most Improved.

Our next Walk / Ride to School Day will be on **Friday 20th May – WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY.**

Walking School Buses will run on this day.

Margaret Masseni
Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

2/5	Year3/4VH Prayer Assembly
3/5	District Cross Country Year 3-6
6/5	Mother's Day Stall 9am-12pm
8/5	Mother's Day Mass 10.30-11.30
9/5	Year 1/2HK Assembly
11/5	Year 1/2 Excursion Werribee Zoo
16/5	Year 1/2S Assembly
18/5	Reconciliation Family Workshop 7-8pm
23/5	Year 1/2G Assembly
24/5	Mary Help of Christians Feast Day – Whole School Mass 9.15-10.15am
24/5	School Education Board AGM
25/5	Wonder of Living (Parent Session Only) 6.30-7.30pm
30/5	Prep HM Assembly
31/5	School Closure Day
3/6	Sacred Heart Of Jesus –Whole School Mass
6/6	Year 3/4S Prayer Assembly
8/6	Sacrament of Reconciliation 7-8pm
13/6	Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)
15/6	Wonder of Living (parent/child session) 6.30-7.30pm
20/6	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 1.30-8pm
21/6	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 3.30-5.30pm
24/6	Family Film Night



Letters regarding applications for Year 7 in 2017 were sent recently. Parents are reminded that acceptance of an offer of a position at the College should be returned no later than Friday 6 May. As there is a waiting list for positions it is important that offers are accepted by the above date. Please contact the Admissions Office regarding any related queries.



ST. MARY'S CHOIR NEWS

St Mary's School Choir has been invited to lead the singing on Sunday, 8th May for our parish/school Mother's Day Mass at 10.30am.

A note was sent home last week with the choir members to confirm their attendance. All notes need to be returned as soon as possible. Thank you to members who have returned their signed note or parents who have emailed me. It is wonderful to see so many families supporting their child's commitment to St. Mary's School Choir.

All members of the choir will need to wear dark pants and as they will be wearing the St. Mary's choir t-shirt, students should wear a top that the t-shirt can be worn over. I ask that all members be there 15 mins prior to the start of the mass.

See you all on Mother's Day!!

Mrs. Angela Hamilton

Performing Arts Specialist

ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP



Open Wednesday Afternoon 2:30 -3:00pm
& Monday mornings 8:30 – 9:00am

The Uniform Shop now has a dedicated

email address. You may complete and scan an order directly to them. You may also simply write a clear list of your requirements including size etc. Always include the name of your eldest child, their class, your contact details and the method of payment you have used. Payment can be made by direct bank transfer or cash or cheque left at the School Office in a clearly marked envelope. The email address is stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com

The Uniform Shop is run by parent volunteers who are aware that not all families can visit them during their opening hours. This is an initiative that they hope will be helpful to all. Any feedback is welcome; please direct it to Mrs Pedley in the School Office

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 2nd May



Wednesday

Caroline Cassar

Thursday

Friday

Rosemary Ciavarella

Manager: Eva Coppola



- Williamstown - SEAGULLS

EST.1864 This Sunday at Burbank Oval we are hosting out long-time arch rivals Port Melbourne, in what is set to be a fantastic contest as always!

We are hoping to get as many people there to support us as possible and as usual we have plenty happening including Free Kids Activities, halftime grid games, President's function and more.

Thank you,
Williamstown Football Club.



CELEBRATE
WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

When: Saturday 14 May
Time: 10am to 12pm
Where: Williamstown Surf Lifesaving Club, Williamstown

FREE ACTIVITIES

Hobsons Bay City Council, Newport Folk and Fiddle Club, and Diver Matt invite families to come down and be involved in a great day of FREE activities to learn more about our unique bird life that we have here.

Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day with a great day of fun activities.

Diver Matt will be there for all things salty and there will be kids' stuff, craft activities and even a bird selfie photo booth.

A real hands on experience right on the beautiful sands of Williamstown Beach.

World Migratory Bird Day is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. Hobsons Bay is a significant location for one of nature's most extraordinary annual migrations.

Around April every year, thousands of our shorebirds such as the red-necked stilt and sharp-tailed sandpiper, take to the sky and travel to their breeding grounds in Siberia.

Hobsons Bay is where they spend their summer. Our home is their home.

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Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

OPEN DAY 10.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday 7th May 2016

- Pray in the Chapel
- Visit the Gift Shop
- Mary MacKillop Walking Tour available @ 11am
- Take a tour of the Museum
- Enjoy a light refreshment
- Special Mother's Day Morning or Afternoon Tea available from 10.30am - 3.00pm (\$5 per person)



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT ST. MARY'S - Camp Australia WE MAKE KIDS SMILE!

Phone: 1300 105 343 / (03) 9398 4065

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1731 Malvern Road, Glen Iris, Victoria 3146

info@campaustalia.com.au Fax: (03) 8610 2044

For Out of School Hours Care at St. Marys (CAMP AUSTRALIA) bookings or cancellations please contact them direct.

CSEF

Families who hold a valid means-tested concession card or who are temporary foster parents are eligible to apply to the Victorian Government Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund.

\$125 per year will be paid for eligible primary students.

A CSEF Application form can be collected from the School Foyer.

I strongly encourage ALL FAMILIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS FUNDING TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Further information on the fund can be viewed at the Victorian Government Department of Education and Training website.

NEED 2 READ IS BACK

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 8.20 to 8.40 am in the Library we have our Need 2 Read Club.

All school children and their family members are welcome to come along and enjoy reading. As a way to encourage children to come they will have a N2R card and each time they come will receive a stamp.

When they reach 5, 10 and 15 they can choose a prize from our Lucky Prize Box. Children need to be in the library by 8.30 am to receive a stamp. See you there.

Nancy Scuderi & Cathy Sims - Literacy Leaders



Parents and Friends

HELP NEEDED FOR THE ANNUAL MOTHERS' DAY STALL

If you can help with pricing the Mothers' Day stall gifts or on the actual stall, please return these completed forms to Parents & Friends Committee via School Office as soon as possible.

PRICING MORNING MONDAY 2rd MAY

The pricing for the Mothers' Day Stall will be held on Monday 2rd of May starting at 8.50am.

Name: _____

Mobile No. _____

Email: _____

MOTHERS' DAY STALL FRIDAY 6th MAY

The Mothers' Day Stall will be held on Friday 6th of May starting at 9.00 am.

Name: _____

Mobile No. _____

Email: _____

9.00 – 11.00 am

9.00 – 10.00 am

10.00 – 11.00 am

(Please circle one)

Do you have a working with Children's Check? YES NO
(Please circle)

If you do not have a working with Children's Check and would like to help at the school in the future you can complete the WWCC form online or ask for a form at your local post office.