



# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2019

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Dear Parents

Thank you to the many parents both past and present who either attended our farewell for Valda Pedley Wednesday afternoon or who caught up with her before she finished. We also had a special staff farewell for Valda earlier on Wednesday. We wish Valda every success and happiness in whatever her future holds. We have advertised for a new Administration Manager/Bursar and hope to appoint someone as soon as possible.

Valda has requested the following be included in this newsletter:

*"To the St. Mary's School and Parish Community*

*On Wednesday, my final day at St. Mary's School, I was deeply touched by the generosity and warmth of my farewell, not only from families and children past and present but also from my friends within the wider St. Mary's community. I was truly overwhelmed by everyone's kindness.*

*Over the past 20 years it has been my privilege to meet so many families, sharing ups and downs, tears and laughter. Countless memories that I will also treasure. Watching shy (sometimes not so shy!), preps grow into confident 12 year olds, leaving to begin new adventures in secondary school. Ensuring the supply of tissues was adequate for the new prep families and the leaving Year 6 families!*

*Now my time to head off and explore new experiences has arrived; thank you all for your friendship and the trust to watch over and support your children.*

*Valda Pedley"*

### CONFIRMATION:

Our Year Six students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at a Eucharist Celebration lead by Bishop Mark tonight at 7.00 pm in St Mary's Church. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers: Gabriel Azzopardi, Rachel Currie, Gemma Deller, Ava Denys, Zed Didenkowski, Caitlyn Green, Kiani Howell, Samantha Kakoullis, Caitlin Kelly, Noah Ligudzinski, Jesse Longaretti-Schreppel, Isabella Merola, Isabella Mitchell, Samuel Molinia, Sebastian Molinia, Michael Morda, Mai Nguyen, Eliza Pelnis, Jett Porter, Thomas Pye, Lily Sattout, Alana Vuleta, Shannon Williams, Bryanna Willie and Ava Zammit.

### THANK YOU & FAREWELL:

To Mrs Renata Pisani who informed me recently that she was no longer able to continue in her role of teaching Italian at our school. Renata has done an amazing job over many years and we wish her every success in the future.

## **WELCOME:**

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Mr John Cruikshank to our St. Mary's staff as our new Italian teacher. John commenced today but will start teaching classes next week. He will work Mondays and Fridays enabling every class to have a 40 minute lesson each week for the remainder of the year. John brings ten years' experience teaching Italian in primary schools and over thirty years of general teaching experience in a range of settings, subjects and levels. He introduced himself to each of the classes today.

## **FOOTBALL TIPPING:**

As no one has correctly tipped all nine winners in any round the Jackpot this round is \$30. Good Luck! A reminder that unfinancial members are not eligible for any cash prizes.

**David Kelly**  
Principal



**Next Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April is our next Walk / Ride to School day.**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May is Walk Safely to School day. Walking School Buses will run on this day. Look out for further details on Care Monkey.



The Premiers Reading Challenge is on again. Students have until September to read or "experience" books (Prep to Yr 2 - 30 books, Yrs 3 to 6 - 15 books). Congratulations to Cooper Thomas & Tyler Thomas who were both very busy over the holidays reading books. They are the first 2 students to complete the challenge. Well done boys



## **WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN:**

This year we will again be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school - all you have to do is when you shop for your groceries at Woolworths collect the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers.

This program starts 1st May and concludes on 25th June or while stock lasts. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).

Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet - (which is available in the office) when it is complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box in the school office foyer. Or you can send the stickers to school and we will place them on the Sticker Sheets. At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students - including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you would like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn).



## **CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS:**

Firstly a clarification from the Caremonkey note that was sent out last term regarding the Cross Country. Children can compete and proceed on as long as they turn 9 or older by the 31<sup>st</sup> December this year. A reminder that the Cross Country Trials for grades 3-6 will be held next Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at the school oval. Trials will start at 8am. Please endeavour to not be late as the children will need time to warm up before running. It would be great to see as many children as possible have a go and have the chance to represent St Mary's at the District Cross Country Carnival on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Selection will be made from these trials although if a child is absent on this day I will be able to arrange another time during school hours to run a trial.

**Tim Lappin**  
PE/Sport Teacher  
St Mary's Altona

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### 2019 Sacrament Dates

#### Reconciliation

##### Reconciliation: –

**Rite of Commitment Masses:**

**4/5/19 9:15 and 6 pm**

**OR**

**5/5/19 8:30 & 10:30 am**

#### Eucharist

##### Eucharist: –

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 6 pm**

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 6 pm**

#### Special Dates

**28 Apr Orthodox Easter**

**29 Apr Memorial of St Catherine of Siena**

**29 Apr 5/6T Prayer Assembly**

**2 May Memorial of St Athanasius**

**3 May Feast of Sts Philip and James, Apostles**

#### This weekend's Gospel



##### **Gospel**

Jn 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

**John 20: 19–31**

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#### PRAYER FOR OUR

##### CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

**Lord, you send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in you and in Jesus whom you sent.**

**Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to your voice. Open their hearts to your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that you have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that you will continue to guide us and sustain us.**

**Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.**

#### Weekly Class Masses

**Year 5/6T will lead our next prayer assembly of 2019 on Monday the 29th of April at 2:20 pm on the theme of ANZAC Day.**



**We then look forward to both of the Prep classes leading the parish in prayer at the celebration of the mass on Friday the 10th of May at 9:15 am.**

**We welcome you warmly to all of these events and would love to see you there.**

## 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  
128-133 Maidstone Street, Altona

**When:** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Time:** 2pm – 5pm

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person

There will be music, raffles, door prizes, guest speakers, party planners, great food and lots more.

Book tickets - on 9315-2680 or Tania - 0439165660

**YOUR BUDGET**  
2019-20

## LIVE FACEBOOK Q&A

Wednesday 1 May  
6.30pm to 8pm

Join us on our Facebook page to ask questions on all things proposed budget 2019-20. Council staff will be online to answer your questions.

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## Register Now!

**Altona Auskick Centre**

Altona F.C., Sugar Gum Drive, Altona

Saturday Mornings 9am-10.30am Starting ~~End of April~~ <sup>4<sup>th</sup> May</sup>

Renae Anderson [auskickaltona@gmail.com](mailto:auskickaltona@gmail.com)  
Register Via Link Below

Visit [play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



## EXPRESSING SPIRITUALITY THROUGH ART, MUSIC, PERFORMANCE AND LITERATURE

St Josephs by the Sea invites you to a series of discussions hosted on a Thursday afternoon and/or evening from April to November in Williamstown.

### DAVID TAIG & FRIENDS

Live music is an oasis in a world of cyber communications & technology

THURSDAY 23 MAY  
1.30pm - 3pm



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Michael McGirr, author & teacher, shares his reflections

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### WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

Walk as one at 1 pm

## Walking a Labyrinth and Discovering Prayer

A labyrinth has only one path inwards, and then, by reversing, the same path leads you back out again.

It becomes a spiritual journey on many levels, leading the person inward to their own centre and then back out into the world.

RITA MALAVISI RSJ

10 am – 4 pm  
4th May 2019  
BYO lunch

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### 2nd May

#### Let's Be Crafty

10 am till Midday

A mixture of teaching new skills and BYO craft

Donation welcome



### 4th May

#### Walking a Laybrinth and Disc overing Prayer—Rita Malavisi rsj.

10 a.m to 4 p.m.

See separate poster for details.



### 9th May

#### Joy of the Gospel—Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42)

7.30 to 8.30 pm

(Year C—Year of Luke) Lectio Divina prayer, praying the scriptures contemplatively as living word for us all today will be held on Thursdays from 7.30—8.30 p.m..

All Welcome.



Jesus at the Bethany Home.  
Artist: Hanna Varghese,

### 22nd May

#### Ecology—Focused Shift in Consciousness.—Carmel Cramer, rsj.

7.30 to 8.30 pm

What do we mean by the New Cosmology?

We invite your participation in conversation, discovery and awakening as we look at the new world view of our times using up to date YouTube clips, readings and other stimulus material.

Cost Free

### 23rd May

#### What is God Asking of Us in Australia At this time. What Moves Us?

**Two separate selections—taking time to explore meaning and beauty. Writers and artist challenge us by offering space to do this.**

1.30 p.m

1) 1.30 session: Live music is an oasis in a world of cyber communications and Technology. David Taig and friends present muses in the Chapel Room.

7.30 p.m

2) 7.30 session. Busy lives and full calendars do not guarantee fulfilled lives. Michael McGirr, writer and teacher shares his reflections.

**(See Leaflets for copying individual sessions printed below on the next page.)**

### 25th May

#### Earth Rituals—Carmel Cramer rsj and Margie Abbott, rsm

1 pm to 3 pm

Earth rituals and prayers help us to celebrate the interconnectedness of all that is. A ritual is created out of participants' reflections, ideas, thoughts, actions and poetry.  
BYO lunch to share.

Donations welcome



**RSVP 2 days prior to any session would be appreciated**