



# St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents

No.12 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

**Congratulations to our Year 6 students who all thoroughly enjoyed their time away at camp earlier this week. They were a credit to their families and our school as their behaviour and manners were exemplary. Thank you also to our Year 5/6 teachers (Olive Chodowski, Jane Kirkwood & Megan Loft) and one of our Learning Support Officers (Sarah King) whose enthusiasm, organisation and sense of fun was greatly appreciated by all the students as well as myself. Check out our Facebook page for some fantastic photos.**

## **MOTHER'S DAY MASS:**

Mother's Day is fast approaching and we are well under way in planning our Parish / School Mother's Day Mass. A special part of the celebration has been a mother or mothers briefly sharing their feelings about being a mum. We would love to hear from someone willing to share their thoughts this year. While it is a bit daunting you do have the admiration of all the mums in the congregation (and the dads as well). All school families are invited to join us at this special celebration.

## **MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

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

All gifts will range between \$2 & \$6. It would be great if the children could bring along a bag to put their gifts into.

**Thanks to those who have offered to help out with the stall. A few more pairs of hands would be great to set up after school on Thursday and to run the stall on Friday.**

Please complete the Google form linked to our newsletter email if you are able to assist.

## **NAPLAN:**

This stands for the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy. Children in years three & five will sit these tests next Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May. While this is only a brief, one off snapshot of your child's progress, the results of the tests provide information for parents and teachers about a child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. Unfortunately we don't receive the results until later in the year when in lots of cases, if not all, the children have moved on. The report will describe your child's particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to the national benchmark standards for students across Australia. For parents of children in year three & five your child will bring home tonight a brochure explaining NAPLAN and an article from Michael Grose titled, "Helping students get ready for NAPLAN tests".

## **PARKING:**

Can I remind parents to make sure they park legally and appropriately around the school. I appreciate it is difficult especially in Sargood Street with all of the building going on. I am in conversation with Council about seeing what can be done to improve the situation. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD:**

The Annual General Meeting of the School Education Board will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 7.30 pm. There is a vacancy for a Parent Representative on the School Education Board. Anyone interested in joining please speak to myself or one of the existing members: Katrina Haby, Diane Howell, Paul Kruger, or Paul Moore. No expertise is required other than a wish to be involved in your child's education. The School Education Board meets approximately 5 times a year. An outline of the Functions and Purposes of the School Education Board and a Nomination Form are available from the School Office or on our School Website in "News", "Notes & Forms".

## PREP 2018 ENROLMENTS:

Applications for Prep 2018 close next Friday, 12 May. If you know of anyone wishing to enrol their child at St. Mary's next year please encourage them to get their application in before next Friday.

## ONPSYCH – School Psychologists

Do you find that your child is displaying emotional or behavioral issues? OnPsych are a team of fully qualified and registered psychologists who specialise in child and adolescent services working in primary and secondary schools in both individual and group settings. Services are performed at NO COST to the school, student or parent through Medicare bulk billing. **OnPsych staff member, Minh Nguyen is now offering support to children at St. Mary's Primary.**

Minh Nguyen is a passionate psychologist who works with both children and adolescents who are experiencing a range of psychological issues such as anxiety and mood disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorders, interpersonal, learning and behavioural disorders, self-harming and adjustment difficulties (social & situational).

Minh employs psychological techniques such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, client-centred and solution-focused therapy with psycho-education. She firmly believes that a collaborative approach will produce the most successful outcomes for a child.

If you believe that this might benefit your child, please contact Margaret Masseni for further information.

You can also download the latest OnPsych Newsletter via the link in your newsletter email.

## FOOTY TIPPING:

No one correctly selected all 9 winners so the Jackpot this week is \$10. Good Luck.

## NEWS FROM FR. SHABIN

Fr. Shabin is very pleased to be welcoming members of his family to Altona next week. His sister, her husband and one of their children will be visiting from India. Say Hi if you see them around and share in his excitement.

**David Kelly,**  
**Principal**

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS – ASSEMBLY MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY

PREP D	Leila Zuvela for her fantastic efforts in Reading. Cooper Abela for working hard and participating in class activities.
PREP S	Anthony Merola for the great way he segments and blends letters when reading. Ruby McGill for her great listening and the happy way she joins in activities.
YEAR 1/ 2HT	Judah Didenkowski for being a caring friend and welcoming others to play with him. Amelia Pham for working hard and presenting work to a high standard.
YEAR 1/ 2S	Sophie Belton for always working so hard during class time.
YEAR 1/ 2N	Aaliyah Fallace for always trying her best in class. Ethan Agius for excellent reading in small groups.
YEAR 1/2G	Mia Jesaulenko for her excellent work on multiplication. Trinity Edwards for her great improvement in her work presentation.
YEAR 3/4M	Noah Ligudzinski for his neat and detailed homework. Dhriti Amin for her thoughtful and mature contributions to Circle Time discussions.
YEAR 3/4HK	Caitlin Kelly for being an organised and hard-working student. Dawit Teshomi for his great contributions to class discussions.
YEAR 3/4V	Shannon Williams for working efficiently and maximizing class time. Stella Ligudzinski for being a hard-working and conscientious student.
YEAR 5/6C	Marcus Kruger for his enthusiasm and love of learning. He is a fantastic source of information. Sienna Tanti for her positive attitude to school and always giving 100% to all she does.
YEAR 5/6L	Daniel Ameri for his positive attitude during all classroom activities. Bridie O'Connor for her persistence during challenging maths questions.
YEAR 5/6K	Isla Manton for always doing her best and completing tasks in a timely manner. Anthony Briffa for always taking initiative in the classroom and helping others.



Our next WALK/RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY is on Friday 19th May - **NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY.**

We will run our **Walking School Buses** from two locations.

Please complete the Google Form via the link on our newsletter email.

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### 2017 SACRAMENT DATES



#### First Eucharist Dates

**Family Workshop: Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May. 7pm**  
**Shared Meal/Practice Session: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. 7pm.**  
**Sacrament of First Eucharist: Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> June. 3pm.**



#### Confirmation Date

**Rite of Acceptance Mass Weekend:**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June – 6pm/Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June – 10.30am**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Confirmation Family Workshop**

**Friday 18th August - Sacrament of Confirmation**



**MAY is the month of Mary. Say a Hail Mary with your child/ren each day during MAY.**



**Who is missing from our school foyer?**  
**Have you noticed that our Mary, Help of Christians statue is no longer in its usual place? Why?**  
**Will Mary return to celebrate her feast day?**  
**Stay tuned!**



*"No duty is too little to be done well."*  
 1873

#### Social Justice News

##### **Term Two Social Justice initiative:**

1. Money boxes are now in each classrooms. We are raising money for our World Vision school sponsored child 'Win Naing.'
2. We will participate in CatholicCare Week with our annual Coin Trail money raiser (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May). So start saving your coins. Big points for each House Team are on offer. Sara Adani & Kyle Escobar (Social Justice Leaders)

#### Weekly Class Mass:

**On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May Year 1/2HT will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.**



## Parish News



**Family Youth Mass – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm – All Welcome.**

#### Great excitement

**Fr Shabin's sister and her family are coming to Australia on 10<sup>th</sup> May and will be staying for a month. We welcome them to our parish.**

#### **Annual Parish Feast & Multicultural Sunday**

We will be celebrating our annual Feast, Mary Help of Christians on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at the 10.30am Mass.** It will also be a Cultural Festival. There will be no 8.30am Mass on this day. Everyone is invited to come in their National Costume. Please bring a plate. Celebrations will continue after Mass in the School Hall.

#### Our Lady of Fatima

**celebrates 100 Years since the first apparition on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May. We will celebrate this occasion at the 9.15am Saturday morning Mass. All welcome.**

### Uniform Shop: Open Thursdays 2.30-3.00pm

Uniform orders are also able to be emailed through to [stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com).

Payments can be made with either cash to the shop, or direct deposit (details at the bottom of the uniform order form). The order form can be found on the school website under NEWS: Notes and forms.

Unfortunately we have had some issues with the supply of our White Polo's, we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our school families.

### Williamstown Literary Festival 2017: June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

That's right, the incomparable **Andy Griffiths** is back for Willy Lit Fest 2017! You might remember from last year that Andy Griffith's session sold out faster than you can say BUMAGEDDON, so we recommend dropping everything you're doing and putting a giant post-it note, task reminder, alarm, or book in a barbershop quartet to sing you a reminder because tickets to the Williamstown Literary Festival are on sale now!

[www.willylitfest.org.au](http://www.willylitfest.org.au) [www.facebook.com/willylitfest](https://www.facebook.com/willylitfest) [www.twitter.com/WillyLitFest](https://www.twitter.com/WillyLitFest) [www.instagram.com/willylitfest](https://www.instagram.com/willylitfest)



## ST. MARY'S CHOIR NEWS

St Mary's School Choir has been invited to lead the singing on Sunday, 14th May for our parish / school Mother's Day Mass at 10.30am.

Thank you to parents who have responded via Care Monkey to confirm their child's attendance. It is wonderful to see so many families supporting their child's commitment to St. Mary's School Choir.

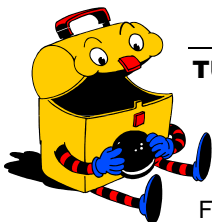
I ask that all members be at the church 15 mins prior to the start of the mass.

See you all on Mother's Day!!

Mrs. Angela Hamilton

Performing Arts Specialist

[ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)



### TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 8th May 2017

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Bree O'Halloran

Thursday

Friday Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

### YOUR TUCKSHOP NEEDS YOU!

Eva needs help in the Tuckshop on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 12.30pm and 1.30pm. If you are able to spare an hour once a month, please leave your contact details at the School Office.

**Showing You Our BEST**

**Sunday 7 May**  
10.30am - 1.30pm

St Paul's Campus  
423 Blackshaws Road  
Altona North



Ph: 8325 5100  
[www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au)

**Showing You Our BEST**

**Sunday 7 May**  
11.00am - 2.00pm

Notre Dame Campus  
2-40 Foxwood Drive  
Point Cook



Ph: 8325 5100  
[www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au)

**ALTONA KINDERGARTEN**

**PETE**

**MAY 20TH**  
**SATURDAY 10-3**

JUMPING CASTLE - CRAFT ACTIVITIES  
ANIMALS OF OZ - FACE PAINTING - PONY RIDES  
SUPER HERO & PRINCESS THEME - MARKET STALLS  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE - TOYS - CAKES  
KIDS ENTRY \$10 UNLIMITED ACTIVITIES

**69 BLYTH ST, ALTONA**

Bendigo Bank  
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# OPEN MORNINGS 2017

We invite you to visit us during the school day.

Meet the Principal, join a student-led tour of the College and see learning in action in the classrooms.

Visiting time:  
9:30am – 10:30am

Dates:  
Monday 13 February  
Thursday 10 August  
Thursday 9 March  
Thursday 11 May  
Thursday 8 June  
Thursday 12 October  
Thursday 9 November



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

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# OPEN EVENTS 2017

We welcome you to meet our Principal, talk to our teachers and join a student-led tour of the College.

## TWILIGHT OPEN EVENING

Thursday 9 February 4:00pm-8:00pm  
Principal's address at 5:00pm & 7:00pm

## OPEN DAY

Sunday 28 May 10:00am – 2:00pm  
Principal's address at 11:00am & 1:00pm



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**ROUND 4**

WILLIAMSTOWN SEAGULLS  
EST. 1864

COBURG LIONS  
EST. 1891

**V**

**Sunday 7th May - Burbank Oval**  
73 Morris Street, Williamstown

Development - 11am      Seniors - 2pm

**WATERLINE PLACE**  
**WILLIAMSTOWN 3018**

**FREE KIDS ACTIVITY ZONE**

- ★ Mechanical Footy
- ★ Inflatable Football Activity Zone
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Speccie the Seagull
- ★ Canteen