

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2019

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Dear Parents

Attached to this newsletter is Draft Two of a Building Masterplan for our school and parish. Fr Michael has asked that these plans be widely circulated and he welcomes any feedback. The first drawing is an overall plan of the entire site including the church, presbytery, school buildings and grounds as well as the property (owned by the parish) behind our Year 3/4 building.

On the last school day of last year we received an invitation from the Catholic Education Melbourne Grants Committee to submit an application (to be completed by the end of January) on behalf of the school. The second and third drawings are what we submitted. If we are successful in progressing to the next stage of the process we will initiate an extensive consultation process with staff and parents and any changes can be made as long as we don't change the focus. That focus being 12 General Learning Areas (GLA). We can't decide to build a multi-purpose hall.

Fr Michael has arranged a number of meetings to discuss the Masterplan possibilities and I encourage you to attend one and/or give some feedback via email: altona@cam.org.au
You are welcome to cc me in on any feedback: dkelly@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

The meetings will be held in the Narthex:

Saturday	4 th May	7.00 pm.
Tuesday	7 th May	after Mass
Wednesday	8 th May	7.30 pm.
Saturday	11 th May	10.00 am.
Tuesday	14 th May	after Mass or 7.30 pm.
Wednesday	15 th May	7.30 pm.

I am also available at any time to clarify any aspects of the drawings.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Was held on Wednesday evening and a copy of the President's and Principal's Reports presented can be accessed on our school website. Can I again take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the Parents & Friends Executive and Committee for their outstanding contribution to our school community over the past twelve months both financially and in enhancing our sense of community, inclusion and welcome and it is with much enthusiasm that I look forward to the next twelve months. Thank you and congratulations to the following parents who were elected on the night: Susie Holland (President), Marilyn Fischer (Vice President), Andrea Herd (Secretary), Ben London (Assistant Secretary), Cheri Steen (Treasurer), Jo McCall (Assistant Treasurer). General Committee members - Snjezana Ahlgren, Lauren Belton Check), (Aglae Brazenor, Amber Collinson, Melissa Gielnik, Hope Hicks, Katrina Krol, Margaret Licciardello, Jo McCall, Anda Mladenich, Rob Nisbet, Jarrod Pye, Trish Moore, Jen Natale, Stacey Rocco and Susie Thompson.

SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Will be held on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30 pm in the Staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend. The 5 Parent Representatives have indicated their willingness to continue so I sincerely thank them for their involvement and contribution so far and look forward to continue working with them this year. The 5 Parent Representatives are: Natasha Devetak, Chris Dowling, Leonie Duane, Katrina Haby and Jenny Giardina.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Congratulations to the 4 people who correctly tipped all 9 winners last week. They shared the \$30. You can collect your winnings from the school office. The jackpot this week is \$5. Good Luck!



WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN:

We are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you. From now until June 25th 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box which is at Borrack Square, Altona North.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including Mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School.

David Kelly
Principal

MISSING AN ESKY?

We have a large esky, blue with white top which has been in the hall for ages. It was used for one of the functions earlier in the year. It is now in the school foyer. Could the owner please come and collect.



ST MARY'S CHOIR NEWS:

After singing so beautifully at Confirmation last Friday, St Mary's School Choir has been invited to lead the singing on Sunday, 12th May for our parish Mother's Day Mass at 10.30am.

A note was sent home via CareMonkey to the choir members to confirm their attendance. Could you please let me know by next Wednesday at

the latest. Thank you to members who have already responded. 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 there 15 mins prior to the start of the mass.

See you all on Mother's Day!!

Mrs. Angela Hamilton

Performing Arts Specialist

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TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 6th May 2019

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

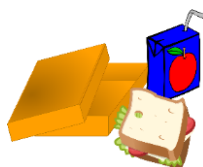
Thursday:

Friday:

Manager: Amy Xu

Rosemary Ciavarella

Tel: 9315 0799



The uniform shop is looking for volunteers. If you are available Mondays between 8.30 – 9.00 am and Wednesdays 2.30 – 3.00 pm please contact the school office. No experience required.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2019 Sacrament Dates

Reconciliation

Remember commitment masses are this weekend.

Sacrament by appointment with Archpriest Michael Kalka
These are made directly through the parish office and opened at the beginning of Term 2.

Special Dates

10 May Prep classes Mass
12 May Mother's Day Mass 10:30 am Mary Help of Christians Church, Altona
14 May Feast of St Matthias, Apostle
15 May International Day of Families
16 May Year 1/2T class Mass
24 May Mary Help of Christians Feast Day

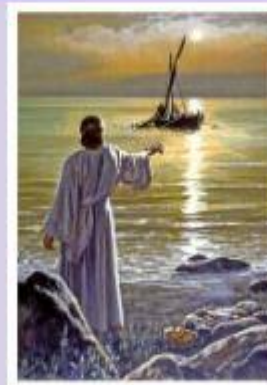
Eucharist

Eucharist: – Family Workshop:
Wednesday 17th July. School Hall: 5 pm OR 7 pm
Facilitated by Michelle Linossier

Eucharist: – Shared meal:
Tuesday 6th August. School Hall: 6 - 7:30 pm

Eucharist: –
Saturday, 10th August, 6 pm
Saturday, 17th August, 6 pm

This weekend's Gospel



John 21: 1-19

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Mother's Day Invitation:

A special invitation for all St. Mary's families to attend our Parish celebration of Mother's Day on Sunday 12th May at 10:30am. A wonderful way to start the day and say thank you to all our Mums/Grandmas/Aunties etc and to remember and pray for all Mothers who may be sick or who have gone before us to rest in God's care. So please join us in gathering together as a parish community to say thank you to those wonderful women in our lives.



Weekly Class Masses

We 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.



Then on THURSDAY 16th May, Year 1/2T will lead the celebration of the Mass at 9:15 am.

Year 3/4M will lead our next prayer assembly of 2019 on Monday the 3rd of June at 2:20 pm in the church.

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

SPORTS PARTY PROMO!
\$239 FOR 10 Kids!
 Food Provided for the kids
 Your choice of 3 sports
 A Party host for all 3 sports
 Optional Bubble Soccer!
 (for additional cost)
\$50 OFF

PREMIUM PARTY PROMO!
\$319 for 15 Kids!
\$60 OFF
 Food Provided for the kids
 A Party host for the 2 hrs
 A Visit from Lewis the Lion!
 Mini Games for the kids!
 (if requested)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM!
 Recommend us to another family and
 if they attend the School Holiday
 Program they receive a free
 excursion or incursion

Use promo code **WESTGATE2** when booking!
 see our website www.westgateplay.com.au for our Terms & Conditions

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 5th 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


 **MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE**



OPEN DAY
SUNDAY 2 JUNE
10:00am - 1:00pm
REGISTER ONLINE TO ATTEND
 133 Maidstone Street Altona www.msj.vic.edu.au

 **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

ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA
 16 ESPLANADE
 WILLIAMSTOWN

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