

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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NO. 14 18th May 2018

Dear Parents

It will soon become a legal requirement for primary schools to notify parents of unexplained absences of students each day. We are currently in the process of setting this up. Having an accurate and up to date class roll is a legal requirement for our teachers. We require your assistance with this if your child will be absent from school. We ask that you fill in the online absentee form (available on the school website and Updat-ed App) before 8.30 am on the day your child will be away.

On Thursday this week we had 8 students with unexplained absences. We need this number to be 0. Not that we don't have anyone away but that we don't have any unexplained absences when the teachers mark the roll at the start of every day.

MOTHERS DAY MASS:

Thank you to the many families that attended our Special Mother's Day Mass last Sunday especially Jen Natale & Gianluca, Margaret Licciardello & Hannah who all spoke so beautifully. Thank you also to Mrs Masseni and Mrs Hamilton for their organisation of the mass and the music and also to our choir members.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: A Reminder that the Parents & Friends have organised a **FAMILY MOVE NIGHT – INCREDIBLES 2 (PG) Friday 15th June**, at 6.45 pm at the Sun Theatre in Yarraville. Adult ticket - \$18.00. Child Ticket (17 and under) - \$18.00 each (includes small drink & popcorn). You can book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/VPGR>. All tickets purchased by midnight Thursday 31st May will go into the Early-Bird draw to win a Sun Theatre Family Movie Pass for 4 to be drawn at Assembly on Monday 4th June and announced in the newsletter on Friday 8th June.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS FEAST DAY / ST. MARY'S SCHOOL'S 90th BIRTHDAY:

Our Feast Day is next Thursday 24th May and we will be celebrating it and our 90th Birthday on this day. All families and friends are invited to celebrate with us at a whole school Mass at 9.15 am. Following mass, classrooms will be open for family members and parishioners to visit until morning tea in the hall at 10.50 am. There will then be some musical entertainment for the students by students from MSJ and Emmanuel College. The P & F will provide lunch for students on the day which you would have received a CareMonkey notification about during the week. There will also be another special treat for them as well. There will be NO TUCK SHOP on this day.

PREP 2019 ENROLMENT:

Applications for Enrolment in Prep at St. Mary's in 2019 close today Friday 18th May. This is mainly so we can start the interview process but if you do know of someone who is thinking about applying to our school please advise them to contact us as soon as possible.

FOOTY TIPPING:

No one correctly tipped all 9 winners in Round 8 so the Jackpot this week is \$ 15. Good Luck.

David Kelly
Principal

Term 2 Wellbeing Initiatives:



Thanks to everyone who participated in Walk Safely to School Day today. We had a Huge number of students who came to school in an active way and gain house points for their team. Congratulations to **BLUE TEAM** who was the most active team. A special thanks to Cheri S, Peter P, Hope H and Nicola S who supervised our Walking School Buses. We were very lucky to get some great weather for our day.



Week 6 Term 2 – BIG IDEA

As you all know we are choosing a big idea from the National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence each week. This week's Big Idea is from 1/2S. They are telling us: **"Don't point at others and say rude things. Speak nicely and kindly"**

Please have a chat with your family about what this might mean and how you might act it out.



BULLY ZERO AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION:

On Tuesday 22nd May we have the Bully Zero Foundation Parent Night starting at 6.30pm. Childminding will be available. Don't forget to RSVP via CareMonkey. Students will be participating in sessions with Bully Zero during the day on Tuesday. Please have a chat with your children about what they experienced.

Term Two Social Justice initiatives:

Today we ran our annual **Coin Trail** money raiser. All students gathered to watch our house captains and their helpers lay out their lines of coins. Yellow was the team with the longest line of coins and Yellow team also raised the most money. Overall we raised \$247.85 for Catholic Care. Well done St. Mary's community.

Classes have been collecting stationary items to donate to the **Pencils Community**, a social enterprise based in Seaford, Victoria that takes new, used and discarded pencils, pens, crayons and other stationery items, re-bundles them and gives them to children in need in Australia and around the globe. We will continue to collect items until the end of next week. Items will then be bundled and sent through to Pencils Community for distribution.

Thanks to everyone who has donated to both our worthy causes.

Ciara O'Connor & Anthony Briffa
(Social Justice Leaders)

NEW TO THE TUCKSHOP: SUSHI!!

CHOOSE FROM: TUNA AVOCADO, CALIFORNIA OR CHICKEN CRISPY HANDROLLS
\$3.00 EACH

As this is a fresh product, it MUST be ordered a day ahead. It will be available for Lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays. A lunch order bag, clearly marked SUSHI and containing the correct money must be placed in the class Lunch Order tub by 9am on Tuesday for Wednesday Lunch and Thursday 9am for Friday Lunch. NO late orders can be accepted.



NEWS FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP:

Due to unforeseen circumstances our School Uniform supplier is no longer stocking long sleeved sports polo tops. Short sleeved polo tops will be worn for Sports throughout the year. Sorry for the inconvenience.

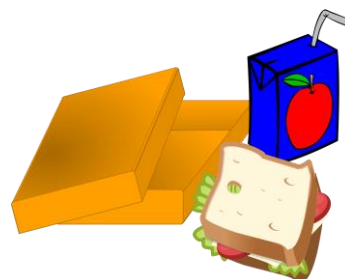
TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 21st May 2018



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

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Time to Shine 2018 is a musical celebration to showcase the extraordinary talents of young performers, featuring singers, dancers and musicians from Catholic secondary schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. *Time to Shine 2018* will be performed at the State Theatre on Saturday 28th July. There are two performances at 2.00 pm and 7.30 pm. Tickets range from \$30 to \$50 and are now on sale from The Arts Centre Melbourne <http://www.cem.edu.au/T2S18.aspx>.



PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 14th MAY 2018

PREP D	Lily B for her enthusiasm and hard work during reading group Ronan N for all the wonderful effort he puts into all his work
PREP S	Hayden P for his efforts when segmenting and blending words Lily N for listening attentively in class
YEAR 1/2G	Leila Z for her great efforts when reading
YEAR 1/2S	Denise T for her great efforts with reading
YEAR 1/2K	Ania W for sharing her vast knowledge about animals
YEAR 1/2D	
YEAR 3/4M	Joshua V for his fantastic attitude in leading his group as Discussion Director
YEAR 3/4HK	Lila B for her outstanding dedication to every activity she undertakes. Her motivation and hard work are commendable
YEAR 3/4V	Maddison B for competently solving subtraction problems using a variety of strategies
YEAR 5/6C	Ciara O for her continued positive attitude towards challenging tasks
YEAR 5/6L	Bryanna W for her confident transition into St Mary's during such a busy week
YEAR 5/6H	Gabby K for her independence and exemplary behaviour at Grade 6 Camp

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2018 Sacrament Dates

TERM TWO:

- Rite of Commitment Masses Weekend for Reconciliation & Conformation:**
Saturday 26th May 6.00pm - Mary Help of Christians Church **OR**
Sunday 27th May 8.30am **OR** 10.30am - Mary Help of Christians Church.
 Children are expected to attend **ONE** of these celebrations
- FIRST RECONCILIATION DATES:**
 *Family Workshop evening on Wed 30th May at 7pm - School Hall or Narthex.
- *Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance:
 Appointments for Individual Reconciliation with Archpriest Michael
 to be made with the parish secretary **after May 30th** on 93982964.

TERM THREE:

- * Family Workshop evening – Wednesday 1st August – School Hall or Narthex – 7pm
- * Shared Meal & Practice Session – Tuesday 14th August – School Hall – 6pm
- * SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST – SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST – 3PM



OPEN DAY

26 MAY | SATURDAY 10AM - 1PM

- Tour the centre and meet our educators
- Learn about our educational approach
 - Explore the environments
 - Sample our nutritious menu

AT CENTRES ACROSS VIC*

BOOK YOUR PLACE AT
guardian.edu.au/vicopenday

* at participating VIC centres




St Melbourne Inc. is proud to host this event supported by the Limerick Arms Hotel

Join us for a fun Trivia Quiz Night & help raise funds for Joseph's Corner

23 August 2018

Venue: Limerick Arms Hotel,
364 Clarendon St,
South Melbourne, 3205

Quiz: 7:30pm - 10:30pm

Tickets: \$15.00
Available by email at:
simelbournequiz@gmail.com

Dinner from 6:00pm at pub prices




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 | 133 Maidstone Street Altona | 8398 2000