



St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2019

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Dear Parents

Next Friday the 24th May we will be celebrating our Feast Day, Mary Help of Christians. This will commence with our Preps to Year 4s attending the Parish Mass (Our Year 5/6s are involved in Inter-school Sport). Then thanks to the Parents & Friends the children will receive a free hot dog and/or drink for lunch. If you wish your child to receive a hot dog and/or drink please complete the form on the Caremonkey note you received yesterday by Monday 20th May. Susie Holland would appreciate some assistance organising the lunches between 11.30 and 1.30 pm. PLEASE NOTE: The tuckshop will be closed on this day.

FAMILY - SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS CODE OF CONDUCT:

The School Education Board in conjunction with the staff have created a Draft of a Family - School Relationships Code of Conduct. It is our intention that when finalised it will be part of our Enrolment package for new families. All existing families and staff will be required to have read it and agreed to abide by it. The Draft can be accessed on our school website under: News, Notes & Forms. I'm happy to receive any comments up until next Friday 24th May after which we would implement it.

FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT:

A reminder that there is a Family Information Evening being held at St. Mary's commencing with a sausage sizzle at 6.30 pm. on Tuesday 21st May for Emmanuel College. This is a great opportunity to hear about the school at both the St. Paul's - all boys campus and Notre Dame - coed campus. You will hear from students about life at the College and see what lies ahead for the future. If you would like to attend and haven't already responded please email Gavin Deller at marketing@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD:

Was held last Wednesday. The Parents & Friends, School Education Board and Principal's Reports were all tabled and accepted. A copy of these can be accessed on our school website under: News, Notes & Forms. Chris Dowling was also officially elected onto the School Education Board as he had agreed to fill the one vacant Parent Representative position not filled at the last Annual General Meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To the Mugliett family, Thomas in Year 1/2S, on the newest addition to their family. Baby Georgina was born on Monday, May 13th.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Our **STAFF CONFERENCE** will take place on **Monday & Tuesday 29th & 30th July.**

Our **ARTS SPECTACULAR** will take place on **Thursday 5th December** commencing at 6.00 pm.

Our **FOOTY FUN DAY** will take place on **Friday 13th September.**

FOOTY TIPPING:

The jackpot for Round 9 is \$15. Happy Tipping! Good Luck!

David Kelly
Principal

2019 Sacrament Dates

Reconciliation

Reconciliation Workshop with Maria Forde is on 29th May commencing at 7.00 pm. in the school hall.

A REMINDER that appointments for Individual Reconciliation with Archpriest Michael Kalka if they have not already been made, need to be made with the parish secretary on 93982964.

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: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

**Eucharist: -
Saturday, 10th August, 6 pm
Saturday, 17th August, 6 pm**

Special Dates

24 May Mary Help of Christians Feast Day
26 May National Sorry Day
31 May Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Jun Memorial of St Justin

Weekly Class Masses

We look forward to Friday 31st May, when Year 1/2D 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.



This weekend's Gospel



John 13: 31–35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Feast Day Invitation

On Friday 24th May, at 9:15 am, our school will join with our community to celebrate the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. This is a special feast for us in the parish of Altona and we would warmly invite you to join with us.

The Feast Day of Our Lady Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day, dates back to the start of the 1800's at a time when Napoleon Bonaparte had gaoled Pius VI.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

The Australian Catholic community remained faithful to Mary and Australia was the first nation to choose her under the title, 'Mary Help of Christians' as principle Patroness.



Mary Help of Christians patroness of Australia and of the Military Ordinariate

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts
our love of Mary Help of Christians.
Through her prayers and under her protection,
may the light of Christ shine over our land.
May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.
Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.
Bless especially the men and women
of the Australian Defence Force and their families.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.



PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 13th May 2019

PREP D	Jamelia F for working hard to improve her writing
PREP L	Owen C for always making great contributions to class discussions
YEAR 1/2D	Ipin T for his positive attitude and commitment to his learning
YEAR 1/2G	Harry M for his excellent effort with reading
YEAR 1/2S	Dario D for his great improvement with reading
YEAR 1/2T	Ezekiel C for having a ready to go positive attitude at school everyday
YEAR 3/4HT	Luca D for his great thinking in Maths
YEAR 3/4K	Ava C for showing persistence during Maths sessions
YEAR 3/4M	Maggie L for her creative use of persuasive devices in her writing
YEAR 5/6C	Oscar D for being an enthusiastic worker with a great sense of humour
YEAR 5/6H	Bianca S for being an enthusiastic learner with a positive attitude
YEAR 5/6T	Caitlyn G for showing great sportsmanship and enthusiastically supporting her whole team at the cross country event



ST. MARY'S CHOIR NEWS:

Congratulations to all the members of our choir who sang for our parish Mother's Day Mass last week. You truly helped make the celebration joy-filled (and all your mums there very proud!!). Our choir will again be leading the singing next **Friday at 9.15 am** for our Parish Feast Day Mass – Mary, Help of Christians. Their commitment to practice each week and to being a part of our celebrations is truly wonderful.

Mrs. Angela Hamilton
Performing Arts Specialist
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KEEPING KIDS SAFE:

Are you concerned about how much time your kids are spending on technology? Perhaps they have access to apps and games and you're unsure how they all work?

The internet is a great place for kids to learn but it's also a dangerous one. More and more children are being exposed to inappropriate content through apps like Snapchat and Instagram.

Come and learn all about the dangers and how to deal with them in this 2 hour workshop.

Further information is available

here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/keeping-kids-safe-on-social-media-a-guide-for-parents-tickets-60801575148>

KEEPING KIDS SAFE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY 2019 - 7.30PM - 9.30PM
LVL 1, 208 HALL STREET, SPOTSWOOD

Join Social Media Strategist, Maree Sortino and Behaviour Specialist Chrissie Davies as they have a very real and open conversation about how we can support our kids to be equipped to deal with what they might encounter online.

Visit the event link for further information or to book.



OPEN DAY

NOTRE DAME CAMPUS

Sunday 19 May
11.00am - 2.00pm

Pursuing personal best ★

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ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Sunday 19 May
10.30am - 1.30pm

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