

# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2018

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No. 15 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents

What a great day we had yesterday celebrating Mary Help of Christians Feast Day as well as celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We began with mass in the church kindly celebrated by Fr George O'Connor while Archpriest Michael Kalka is away on retreat. The parishioners, parents and family members joined us in our classrooms to see the exciting things that were happening. The whole school then came together to eat their specially decorated cup cake. The adults joined staff in the hall for morning tea and some of our delicious Birthday cake. The individual cup-cakes and birthday cake were kindly prepared by Katrina Kroll. Thank you.

After recess all the children were entertained by musicians and singers from MSJ College and Emmanuel College. Thank you to Nick Tresize & Cathy Hills (MSJ), Gavin Deller (Emmanuel) for their assistance with the organisation and especially the talented students (particularly the past St. Mary's students: Ally, Sara, Mila, Charlie & Chelsea).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US**

### **BULLY ZERO PRESENTATIONS:**

What a great opportunity we had this week to host the Bully Zero Australia Foundation! Sessions were run for all classes from Prep – 6 about what constitutes bullying and what to do if bullying occurs.

One important message that the children were given was about when they come in contact with a bully; don't SNAP BACK like a crocodile because that makes the situation worse, and don't be soft and hide away like a teddy bear because then nothing gets done. But be like a MEERKAT, stand tall, supported by your friends and do something safe to diffuse the situation.

The parents had the opportunity to hear from Ali Halkic about his experiences and the devastation he endured after his son's death due to cyber bullying! Such a brave man!

### **Below are some comments from parents who attended the parent session:**

Diane Attrill: *"What a powerful, insightful, informative and moving night. Such a great organisation for getting the conversations started and initiating change. Thank you for bringing conversations to our school."*

Merilyn Fischer: *"A very required presentation for all parents and kids. Thanks St Mary's for caring. My boys gained a lot of valuable information and it made me realise I need to take more notice."* Diane Howell: *"Thanks for organising, it was one of the best presentations I have been to. It was also great to hear what the children had discussed in their sessions and made for great conversation."* Natalie Zuvela: *"Thank you to all involved. This was a valuable presentation, Ali's story is heart wrenching, and the statistics are frightening. A lesson to all parents to open the lines of communication and be involved and switched on when it comes to our children."*

Trish Moore: *"What a great presentation. Very difficult to face but obviously essential. Well done to St Mary's Leadership and school community for putting on this event tonight (and the day for the kids)."*

Cheri Steen: *"Thank you St Mary's & Bully Zero! That would have to be one of the most valuable sessions I have attended."*

### **SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN:**

As I'm sure you are aware the congestion on the roads around the school at "Drop Off" & "Pick Up" times is increasing and as a result the safety of all the children is becoming more of a concern. We are currently having conversations with Council about what changes we could make to the parking and traffic flow to improve the situation. In the meantime **PLEASE** drive **SLOWLY** and **CAREFULLY** around the school. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK** in the **NO STANDING AREAS**. Thank you for your co-operation.

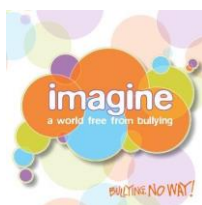


**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** A reminder that the Parents & Friends have organised a **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – INCREDIBLES 2 (PG) Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**, at 6.45 pm at the Sun Theatre in Yarraville. Adult ticket - \$18.00. Child Ticket (17 and under) - \$18.00 each (includes small drink & popcorn). You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

### FOOTY TIPPING:

No one correctly tipped all 9 winners in Round 9 so the Jackpot this week is \$20. Good Luck!

**David Kelly**  
Principal



### Week 7 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 5/6H. They are telling us:

**“Think before you speak....”**

Please have a chat with your family about what this might mean and how you might act it out. We think it means: Thinking carefully before saying anything. Don't talk in a negative way. Don't say anything you wouldn't like said to you. Don't say things when you are angry!



### PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 21st MAY 2018

PREP S	Anya A for her enthusiastic approach to learning
YEAR 1/2G	Xavier H for an excellent effort towards his information report writing
YEAR 1/2K	Ethan S for his excellent work during Reading sessions
YEAR 1/2D	Claudia E for her excellent work with doubles number facts
YEAR 3/4M	Angus H for his hard work and persistence in writing a detailed persuasive piece
YEAR 3/4HK	Jack C for his perseverance with difficult tasks and his willingness to help out in the classroom
YEAR 3/4V	Aidan L for working diligently and efficiently in class
YEAR 5/6C	Erin C for being a co-operative and hardworking student who produces excellent work
YEAR 5/6L	Zaii P for always coming to class with a big smile and great attitude
YEAR 5/6H	Caitlyn G for approaching new tasks with a positive attitude



### CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to the Sheria Family on the safe arrival of a sister for Isabella in 1/2G

### 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.



## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### 2018 Sacrament Dates

#### TERM TWO:

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

#### TERM THREE:

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

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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>.

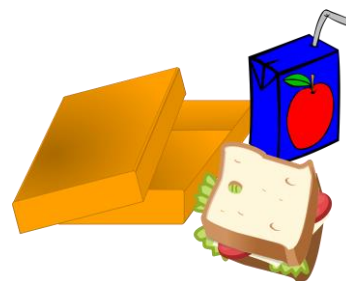


### **TUCKSHOP HELPERS** Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018



Monday  
 Tuesday  
 Wednesday  
 Thursday **Marylinda Abate**  
 Friday **Anne Cooper**

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



### **INTER SCHOOL SPORT RESULTS:**

**At home against Spotswood Primary School:**

<b>Teeball</b>	Girls	14 - 10	We one
	Mixed	14 - 1	We one
<b>AFL</b>		55 - 30	We one
<b>Netball</b>	Girls	5 - 5	draw
	Mixed	20 - 2	We one
<b>Soccer</b>	Girls	1 - 3	We lost
	Mixed	7 - 1	We one





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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](mailto:simelbournequiz@gmail.com)

Dinner from 6:00pm at pub prices

## Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of  
learning to play keyboard  
here at St Mary's Altona.

Creative Music for Schools  
conducts a music program  
here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one  
lessons of up to 30 minutes give chil-  
dren an excellent grounding in music  
where they will learn to read music  
and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$16.20 per lesson and  
enrolments are now being accepted for  
limited places in term 1, 2018.

Interested parents should call Fiona during  
office hours on 9818 2333 or email  
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