

# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2019

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### Dear Parents

Today we began our celebration of MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS FEAST DAY with our Prep - Year 3/4s joining the parents and parishioners at the 9.15 am mass. Then thanks to the generosity of the Parents & Friends the children were treated to a free hot dog and drink for lunch. Thank you to Susie Holland and all her helpers for all their organisation of these.

### KidsView Social Justice Conference

On Wednesday 22nd May, some of our school will leaders joined with students from 4 other schools at the annual KidsView Conference. This conference is facilitated by the organisation Bahay Tuluyan from the Philippines along with BTPA, their Australian arm.

This year the theme of the conference was "Rewrite the Stars" and our students got the opportunity to hear and see first hand how the work of Bahay Tuluyan is empowering the underprivileged and those on the streets to change both their own lives and the lives of their families and communities.

Students were amazed to hear there are likely more homeless in the Philippines than there are residents in the whole of Australia and it is not uncommon for many children to not attend school, have access to a safe place to sleep, clean water or showers and toilets.

The conference gave them the opportunity to learn how important self determination and maintaining dignity is when working to aid those less fortunate.

We are very proud of our student conference attendees and look forward to learning more about how they may put into place at St Mary's, some of the lessons the learned or the insights they gained at this conference.



### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:

The Parents & Friends Association has organised a **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - TOY STORY 4** on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**, at 7pm at the Sun Theatre in Yarraville. All tickets \$18.00. Child Ticket includes a small drink & popcorn. **Book Online at** <https://www.trybooking.com/BCPVY>

All tickets purchased by midnight **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** will go into the **Early-Bird draw** to win one of 2 Sun Theatre Double Movie Passes. So get in fast and purchase your tickets.

Children today received a personal invitation to this Family Movie Night.



### NATIONAL BUDDY DAY – FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE – What you can do to join in!

Wear a Splash of **PURPLE** with your uniform.

Have your photo taken at the Photo booth before school and at recess.

Smile at someone. Make a new friend.

Gather with friends in the Friendly Meeting Place.

### HEAD LICE:

We have had some reported cases of head lice (nits). Please check your child/ren's hair.

**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

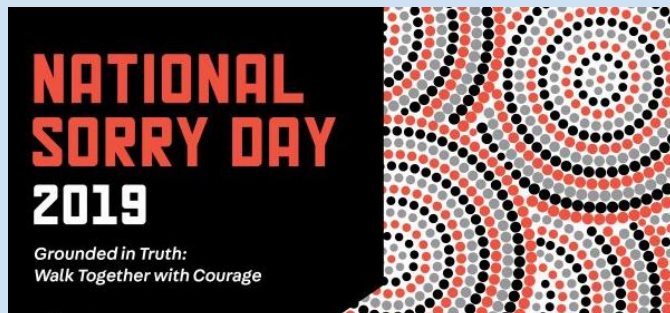
**Eucharist:** – Family Workshop:  
**Wednesday 17th July.** School Hall:  
**5 pm OR 7 pm**  
Facilitated by Michelle Linossier

**Eucharist:** – Shared meal:  
**Tuesday 6th August.** School Hall:  
**6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Eucharist:** -  
**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 6 pm**  
**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 6 pm**

## Special Dates

**26 May** National Sorry Day  
**31 May** Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**1 Jun** Memorial of St Justin  
**5 Jun** World Environment Day  
**5 Jun** Memorial of St Boniface



## This weekend's Gospel

**John 14: 23–29**



*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.*

Loving God

You have given all peoples one common origin,  
and your will is to gather them as one family in yourself.

Fill the hearts of all with the fire of your love  
and the desire to ensure justice for all our sisters and brothers.

By sharing the good things you give us  
may we secure justice and equality for every human being,  
an end to all division,  
and a human society built on love and peace.

*John Paul II, Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, 1987*

## 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.**

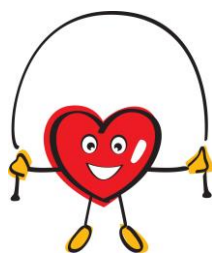
**Year 3/4M will lead our next prayer assembly of 2019 on Monday the 3rd of June at 2:20 pm in the church.**

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



## PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 20th May 2019

PREP D	Kobe M for speaking so confidently and clearly during his show and tell
PREP L	Roman M for working hard to hear sounds in words during writing
YEAR 1/2D	Miles D for working extremely well during class, especially Maths sessions
YEAR 1/2S	Jackson N for following his timetable so well
YEAR 1/2T	Lily N for practising hard and getting all her SMART spelling words correct
YEAR 3/4HT	Natalie M for her insightful and interesting contributions to class discussions
YEAR 3/4K	Jackson B for his great effort during Writing sessions
YEAR 5/6C	Lila B for her mature and positive approach to all her learning
YEAR 5/6H	Lucas G for his excellent application to learning about habitats and human impact on them
YEAR 5/6T	Isabella M for showing initiative and leadership in the classroom and on the yard



### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART 'JUMP OFF DAY':

The whole school Jump Off Day will be held on Wednesday 26th of June, 9 to 11am. Parents are encouraged to come along and help assist or join in the fun if you wish. Students have been practicing skipping in sport classes and during play time. This is a day to show off what everyone has learnt. There will be some competitions and prizes to give out. Students can wear casual clothes and we would like you all to bring a gold coin donation, which will go to the Heart Foundation. The program encourages kids to have a positive attitude towards exercise, healthy eating and raises awareness for those with heart disease. Keep up the great skipping everyone!

### TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

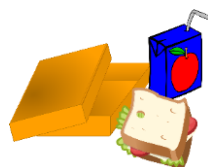
Thursday:

Friday:

Manager: Amy Xu

Cath Thorneycroft


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### EMMANUEL NEWS:

It was wonderful to welcome such large numbers of families to the recent College Open Day and to hear from them how impressed they were with the students and staff whom they met, the outstanding campus facilities and the rich range of subject and co-curricular offerings. A reminder that the closing date for applications for Year 7 in 2021 is Friday 23 August 2019 and that an application is required for any sibling

applicants-



## Vocal Lessons

Rachel Jane Vocal

**\*MOBILE VOCAL LESSONS\***

\$30 / 30mins  
\$45 / 1hr

(\$10 Travel free for destinations over 20km from Essendon Train Station 3040)

**\*IN HOUSE LESSONS\***

\$30 / 30 mins  
\$45 / 1hr

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**FREE TRIAL LESSON**

Contact us:  
Phone: 0423568160  
OR  
Email: rachdeb9@gmail.com

## Learn music

here at school


Come and join in the fun of learning to play  
**GUITAR or KEYBOARD**  
here at St. Mary's.

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 children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$17.00 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2019.

Interested parents should call Brenda during office hours on 9818 2333 or email [brenda@creativemusic.com.au](mailto:brenda@creativemusic.com.au)

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