

# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2016

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Dear Parents

No. 17 10th June 2016

**Congratulations to our wonderful students in Year Three, who on Wednesday evening received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This was a very prayerful celebration and I thank all the families for their support in this.**

**Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.**

**Gabriel Azzopardi, Grace Azzopardi, Rachel Currie, Cooper DeBono, Gemma Deller, Ava Denys, Zedekiah Didenkowski, Gigi Fantuz, Caitlyn Green, Luke Hale, Kiani Howell, Claire Jones, Samantha Kakoullis, Caitlin Kelly, Noah Ligudzinski, Summer London, Jesse Longaretti-Schreppel, Isabella Merola, Samuel Molina, Sebastian Molina, Michael Morda, Mai Nguyen, Harrison Nugent, Eliza Pelns, Jett Porter, Thomas Pye, Lily Sattout, Rafael Umana, Alana Vuleta and Ava Zammit**

### CAR PARKING & SAFETY:

It has been brought to my attention that at drop off and pick up times a number of families are ignoring the parking and speed signs around the school. Not only are the signs there to remind you of the laws but they are in place for the safety of your children. To say "but I'll only be there for a few seconds" is not good enough. It only takes a few seconds for a child to be hit by a car. I've been informed by Council that they will have a parking inspector in the area in the coming weeks.

### PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT CONFERENCES:



**School  
Interviews**

**ONLINE BOOKING FOR  
STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS IS  
NOW OPEN:**

These interviews will take place on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 1.30 – 8.00 pm. and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 3.45 – 5.00 pm.** Please go to our school website and click on the **"INTERVIEWS"** button and put in the code **y5ym8** and select your appointment time/s.

The Student, Parent and Teacher format facilitates dialogue between parent and child. It gives students a chance to showcase their work to their parents and to talk about their achievements and where they need to improve. Obviously the format and depth of the sharing of this information will vary depending on the level your child is in. It is important that all children attend the interview as they will have spent time during class preparing what they are going to share with their parents. We are aware that some of the later times may be difficult for some of our younger students but if that is an issue for you perhaps you could choose an earlier time. It is only one night and it is important that the students are involved.

You will receive your child's mid-year Report on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**SCHOOL FINISHES EARLY ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
- Children dismissed at 1.00 pm.**



### NATIONAL BUDDY DAY – 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE

On National Buddy Day, teachers, students and parents can all get involved. At St. Mary's we will celebrate the day by: inviting everyone to wear a **SPLASH of PURPLE**, having a whole school

assembly after lunch at which our Student Wellbeing leaders, Ella and Isabella, will talk to the school community about Being Better Buddies, having class get together with a 'buddy classes' to do some fun activities together.

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June we will run a Buddy Photo Booth at recess. Children can have their photo taken with their friends in the school yard. These photos will then be displayed outside the staff room and also uploaded to our Facebook page.

### FAMILY FILM NIGHT:

**GET IN EARLY FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!!!!**

**(Bookings Close Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June) Don't Miss Out!!**

The Parents & Friends have organised a "FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT" - "Ice Age: Collision Course" for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, (last day of this term) 7.00 pm. at the Sun Theatre, Ballarat St, Yarraville. Adult ticket - \$18.00. Child Ticket (17 and under) - \$18.00 each (includes small drink & popcorn). Children must be accompanied by an adult. You can book online at [www.trybooking.com/LQFK](http://www.trybooking.com/LQFK) or

send cash in a clearly marked envelope to the school office. **Tickets purchased before Thursday 16th June will go in a draw to win a Sun Theatre Family movie pass for 4 and a Wyncity \$100 family fun voucher. Drawn Monday 20th June.**

#### PLANNING WEEK CHANGE OF SPORT UNIFORM

**DAYS** - Please note that due to timetable changes next week YEAR 5/6's will need to wear their sport uniform on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June and Year 3/4's will need to wear their sport uniform on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

#### AMART SPORTS & REBEL LOYALTY PROGRAMS:

We have established loyalty programs with both Amart Sports & Rebel Sport. 5% of any purchases made at any Amart Sports or any Rebel Sport goes directly back to St. Mary's. This helps us buy sports equipment for use in the school. Over the past year we've accrued an impressive \$569.10, so it really is a valuable program for our school. Mr. Lappin (P.E Teacher) has already used the points accrued to purchase equipment this year. **How Can You Help?** Next time you're buying the new footy or soccer boots, runners or sports equipment go to an Amart or Rebel store and join up as a personal member. Then please ask them to link your membership to St. Mary's. Please encourage family and friends to do the same.

#### THE ATHLETE'S FOOT AIRPORT WEST REWARDS PROGRAM:

Is another way you can support our school. If you mention St. Mary's school when you purchase goods from this store we receive a school donation of \$5.00. From the 13<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June they have a **Special Offer**. They will double the school donation from \$5 to \$10 for every purchase.



#### HOMEWORK:

Please click on the link below for another article on Homework.

<https://www.teachermagazine.com.au/article/does-homework-contribute-to-student-success>

#### FOOTY TIPPING:

Well done to the 9 people who correctly selected all 9 winners last round. Unfortunately with only \$20 in the jackpot there is no pay out. The jackpot this week is \$25.00. Good Luck!

#### PARENTS & FRIENDS:

The next meeting of the Parents & Friends Committee will be Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 7.30 pm. in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

**David Kelly**  
**PRINCIPAL**

#### IMPORTANT DATES.

13/6	Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)
15/6	Wonder of Living (parent/child session) 6.30-8.00pm
20/6	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 1.30-8pm
21/6	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 3.30-5.30pm
24/6	Family Film Night

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### RECONCILIATION

**Congratulations to our Year Three students who celebrated their Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evening. A big thank you to staff, parents and students for their participation and assistance.**

### A prayer for the journey of healing

**Let us look back with courage;  
See the truth and speak it.  
Let us look around with compassion;  
See the cost and share it.  
Let us look forward with hope;  
See what can be and create it.  
Give us courage to face the truth;  
Compassion to share the burden -  
Strength to play our part in the healing -  
And hope to walk forward to a place of justice.  
With courage, compassion, strength and hope,  
We will walk together on the journey of healing.  
Amen**



**Year 1/2HK will be attending the Parish Mass on Friday 17th June at 9:15am. Please come and join your children in prayer.**

### SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS:

We are continuing to collect items for our Term Three Social Justice unit. We are after books or toys (in good condition) that can be donated towards our senior school Social Justice stalls. Please drop off any items to Room 11 -Year 5/6C.

**Kate Ealem & Tahlia Sepsic**  
Social Justice Leaders

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**\* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.**  
**Olive Chodowski – REL**

*Let God's Spirit guide you in your choice."*

Mary MacKillop, 1898



**WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY**  
**TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**  
 Get your skates and walking shoes on!!!

#### YEAR 5/6C BUDDY POEM



We might not look the same but  
 playing together makes a great game  
 The better the buddies, the better the  
 world  
 Make amends, let's be friends  
 Being together helps you and me,  
 get a buddy- just wait and see.  
 Love and care like a buddy bear!  
 Prevent the hurt don't let anyone feel like dirt.  
 Bullying is not ok, make a buddy and save the  
 day.  
 Cyber bullying is just the same, it's just words  
 in a different way.

#### JSC MEETING REPORT

Last Monday we had a JSC meeting. Some classes had some Thank You's for some people in our school. Thank You Year 6 Buddies for helping us in Prep, Mr Lappin for teaching us sport, Mr Kelly for being a good principal, Tony for getting the balls off the roof, Mrs Hamilton for recording our Class Bands, Parents and Teachers for the food for the Vinnies Winter Appeal, to those students who ride to school for walking their bikes across the basketball court.

Isabella (JSC President) and Ella (JSC Secretary)



**Prayer & Spirituality Days - Missionary Disciples**  
*listen to the Heartbeat of the World*, with the challenging question, what might "reconciliation" or "treaty" with our Aboriginal sisters and brothers be asking of Missionary Disciples listening to the heartbeat of Australia in 2016? Come along bring a friend to St Joseph's by the Sea, 16 Esplanade, Williamstown. **Thursday 16th June**  
**Afternoon Session: 1.30pm 3.00pm Evening session: (repeat) 7.30pm-9.00pm**; RSVP the day before the session email: [therese.quinn@sosj.org.au](mailto:therese.quinn@sosj.org.au) Phone: 9397 6012 or 9397 0344

#### A DIARY DATE TO REMEMBER

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE: HEROES AND SUPERHEROES DAY**  
 A JSC initiative to raise money for Win Naing our World Vision Sponsor Child!  
 Students can dress up as their Hero (a sports star, a musician or singer, whoever they admire) or favourite Super Hero (we are expecting lots of Batmans and Supermans) on the day.  
 GOLD COIN DONATIONS will be collected in classrooms in the morning.

#### TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 14th May



Wednesday  
 Thursday  
 Friday Marylinda Abate

#### SAVE THE DATE: Movie Night for the parents:

**12<sup>th</sup> August - 7pm screening**

A night filled with lots of fun, laughter and prizes.  
 More information to follow in the coming weeks.

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SPORTS CAMP RUN BY EX ST.MARY'S STUDENT, STEVEN CAMPBELL



**Sports CAMP bell's**  
 Fun. Active. Local.  
 Sports holiday program. Choose between one or two days.  
 Children in small groups will participate in 7 different sports.  
 Where: Altona Hockey Club  
 When: 4th & 5th of July 2016  
 Time: 8.30am - 3.30pm  
 Cost: \$60 per day  
 For more info or to register visit:  
[www.campbellssportscamp.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.campbellssportscamp.eventbrite.com.au)  
 Any questions email Steve: [campbellssportscamp@gmail.com](mailto:campbellssportscamp@gmail.com)



**YOU ARE INVITED...**

To attend a presentation focused on  
**Developing resilience in school age children.**

When: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm

Where: St Paul's Campus McMahon Centre - 423 Blackshaws Rd, Altona North



MSJ Open Mornings – 9.30am – 10.30am  
 (Thursday) 26th May, 16th June, 11th August, 8th September, 10th November  
 2016 MSJ Musical ~ **Anything Goes Come**

and see the show on Friday 17th June at 7pm, Saturday 18th June at 12.30pm or 7pm. Caroline Chisholm College Quin Auditorium 204 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook For more information, call 8398 2000, or visit [www.tickethost.com.au](http://www.tickethost.com.au)  
 MSJ Twilight Open Evening – 3pm – 7pm (Thursday) 6 th October, 2016. Currently Accepting Applications for 2016, 2017 and 2018. Limited places are available for 2016. Further information can be found at our website [www.msj.vic.edu.au](http://www.msj.vic.edu.au) or by contacting the College Registrar at [registrar@msj.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@msj.vic.edu.au) or Ph: 8398 2007.

#### Today's Results from Rd 6 vs Willy North

Netball	Girls	Lost	10 - 13
	Mixed	Won	7 - 6
Football		Lost	0 - 86
Soccer	Girls	Lost	0 - 3
	Mixed	Lost	0 - 1
Teeball	Girls	Won	17 - 6
	Mixed	Lost	9 - 25

Well done to the winning teams and all other participants



