

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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No. 18 15th June

Dear Parents



BUDDY DAY:

Thanks to everyone who got involved with Buddy day today....we had lots of purple splashed around the school. Our photo booth before school and at recess was a real hit. Look out on Facebook and outside the staffroom to see our photos. Classes got together before lunch to do some activities together and we finished this off with a short assembly in the hall at which classes showed the posters they had made about how to be a better buddy. These posters are on display outside the staff room. Thanks to Grace, Olivia (Wellbeing Leaders) and Lucas, Zoe and Zara (JSC reps) who organised today.

SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS:

School Fee Statements were sent home this week, as a reminder of our second school fee payment deadline. This requires two-thirds of your school fees to be paid by 29/06/2018 unless you have contracted to a direct debit plan or have a special arrangement with myself.

Thus far 20 families have not paid any portion of their fees. I would be grateful if those families could rectify this situation as soon as possible. If you are having difficulty with your fees, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange an interview with myself, where we can explore alternative arrangements if required.

Thank you to all the families who have been able to finalise their school fees and to those who have contracted to a direct debit plan. If you do pay via direct debit, please retain the statement for your records, your periodic deductions will continue as usual.

NEW SPORTS EQUIPMENT:

Over the first 2 terms of school this year we have been gathering and collecting Coles Sport for Schools vouchers in a bid to use these vouchers to purchase new sports equipment for our school. With a great contribution from families we came to a massive total of over 60,000 vouchers. With this we were able to purchase heaps of brand new equipment for our school. Thank you to all the families of St Mary's for your outstanding support towards this initiative. Well done everyone.

School finishes at 1pm on Monday Week 25th June. Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences begin at 1.30 pm

CONGRATULATIONS:

To our Mixed Netball, Boys Soccer, Football, Mixed & Girls T-Ball Teams that all played in Grand Finals today as part of our Winter Inter-school Sport Program. Congratulations to all children and teachers involved. A special thank you to the 5 Year 4 boys who helped us out with numbers: Tom E, Keyron'De F, Jamieson L, Angus H, Jordan F & Sam P.

The results were:

DISTRICT FINALS:

Teeball	Girls	WON
	Mixed	WON
AFL		LOST
Netball	Mixed	LOST
Soccer	Mixed	WON

David Kelly
Principal

FUNDRAISING:

As Win Naing has now grown up and turned 18, we have decided that from now on all our fundraising will go to Caritas. Caritas Australia helps people help themselves — regardless of ethnicity, religion or political beliefs. The agency supports long-term development programs in impoverished communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Indigenous Australia and the Pacific — helping oppressed people to rediscover their dignity by taking greater control over their lives and overcoming poverty.

www.caritas.org.au



Next Friday 22nd June, we are having a **Sports Dress Up day**. Students can come along in any sport clothes - their favourite team, their favourite sport, their favourite sport player.

If they do that, we ask that they bring along a **gold coin donation that we will pass on to Caritas.**



**RIDE 2
SCHOOL**

WALK/RIDE TO SCHOOL

Our next Walk/Ride to School day is on **Tuesday 19th June**. Please note that Walking School Buses will not run on this day.



Week 10 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 5/6C. They are telling us:

“Welcome everyone to a happy & positive community”

Please have a chat with your family about how you be **Welcoming and Positive** this week?



CAMP AUSTRALIA:

In response to the needs of your school community, we are excited to announce that a school holiday program will commence on Monday 2nd July 2018. The program combines active games with structured and unstructured play, quiet time and a healthy snack. Every day is an adventure led by enthusiastic and experienced Camp Australia educators who are on a mission to make kids smile. Once you have registered for an account, you can manage your bookings at

www.campaustralia.com.au or call **1300 105 343**.

EMMANUEL NEWS

Well done to our Year 7s on their recent concert performed in McCoy Hall to a large and appreciative audience of proud parents. It was amazing to see the Year 7s growth in skills on a range of instruments, which in many cases students had picked up for the first time at the commencement of the year. It is also great to see the number of students also joining the College band and ensembles as they gain confidence with their instruments.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS

Week beginning 18th June 2018



Monday

Tuesday

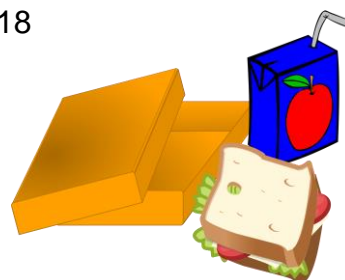
Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



EDUCATION IN FAITH

2018 Sacrament Dates

TERM TWO:

*Sacrament of Penance:

A REMINDER that appointments for Individual Reconciliation with Archpriest Michael Kalka need to be made with the parish secretary NOW 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



*"There where you are,
You will find God."* 1871

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

On Friday 29th June we will celebrate the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (actual feast day is 8th June) with a whole school mass at 9:15am. This is the last day of term. All families and friends are welcome to attend. In conjunction with the mass, we are also seeking food donations to donate to our local St Vincent de Paul Society.

Each classroom has been provided with one 'shopping bag' to fill with non-perishable food items; e.g. canned tuna or soup, cereals, pasta. Also, good quality toys, books and bric-a-brac. These 'filled' shopping bags will become part of the Offertory Procession.

Thanks again for your assistance.

Ciara & Anthony
Social Justice Leaders

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * Our Year 3 students as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Penance.
- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.



HOBSONS BAY COUNCIL PRESENTS:



One of the hits from White Night 2018 was Neon Dog Park and it's coming to Williamstown! Created by Melbourne visual artist Carla O'Brien, Neon Dog Park is a playful arts installation of furry friends using neon lights. Set in a beautiful waterfront location in Nelson Place, you'll want to grab the kids, the dog, a coat, camera, and enjoy a family night out. It's on Friday 29 June to Sunday 8 July from 4pm to 10pm. The opening night on 29 June will feature a DJ performance in the Commonwealth Reserve rotunda with other special events and activities, with the Nelson Place hospitality businesses getting in on the fun. Contact the Hobsons Bay Visitor Information Centre for further details by phone (03) 9932 4310 or email visitorinformation@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or drop in to Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown (close to where the ferries arrive at Gem Pier).

Dogs welcome, on-leash rules apply

ALTONA SPORTS CENTRE. Register at: www.melbourneutd.com.au/camps

An advertisement for a '2 DAY JUNIOR BASKETBALL CAMP' at the Altona Sports Centre. It features a young girl in a white t-shirt and black leggings, holding two basketballs. The text '2 DAY JUNIOR BASKETBALL CAMP' is in large, bold letters. A price tag of '\$175' is shown. The location is 'ALTONA SPORTS CENTRE' and the dates are 'Thursday 12th and Friday 13th July'. The address is 'Queen Street, Altona Meadows'. Logos for sponsors like Tyrepower, Trojan, Dreamstreet, dodo, Bulla, and Wholesome are at the bottom.

An advertisement for 'Open Mornings 2018' at Mount St. Joseph Girls' College. It features a smiling young woman in a school uniform. The text 'Open Mornings 2018' is in a large, elegant script. Below it, it says 'We invite you to join a student-led tour, meet the Principal and see dynamic learning in action in the classrooms.' The visiting time is '9:15am - 10:30am'. The dates are '15 March, 19 April, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November'. A quote at the bottom reads 'Women who believe, women who lead, women who challenge, women who inspire'. The college's logo and motto 'Virtue Courage' are also shown. The bottom of the ad includes the website 'www.ms.j.vic.edu.au', the address '133 Maidstone Street Altona', and the phone number '8398 2000'.



**Allambee
Camp**

School Holiday Program



Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th of July 2018

Activities: Flying Fox, Giant Swing, Vertical Challenge, Archery, Low Ropes, Abseil Tree, Billy Carts, Campfire, Cross Country Race, Rock Painting and much much more.

Pricing: Monday to Wednesday \$330 incl. GST OR Monday to Tuesday \$220 incl. GST **Suitable for:** Grade 2-6 Children

Please visit our website or call for more details.

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O P E N D A Y S

Bring your children and let them explore, imagine and create in our fabulous 4-year old sessional kindergarten

We are open every Wednesday in June
2pm-3:30pm



Come and see the magic in our kinder garden



Meet the educators

Altona Kindergarten

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Come inside and take a look!