

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2019

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Dear Parents

Archbishop Peter Comensoli and the Bishops of Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst have prepared a 'Pastoral Letter' regarding Voluntary Assisted Dying, which became legal in Victoria on Wednesday 19 June, 2019. Jim Miles, Acting Executive Director, Catholic Education Melbourne has asked schools to distribute the pastoral letter and the accompanying leaflet, 'We Care'. They have been attached to this newsletter's email.

A Reminder That School Finishes Early Next Monday - 1.00 pm.

Next week on Monday and Tuesday we are holding our Parent Teacher Student Conferences. **If you haven't booked an appointment time yet could you PLEASE do so before 5.00 pm today.** The students have been busy preparing their learning to share and celebrate with you. Included below are some questions that you might like to consider asking your child at their interview time. The PTS time is a positive time for the students and we hope that you enjoy it as well!

Stefanie Harvey: Learning and Teaching Leader

You might like to consider asking one of the following at PTS Conferences next week.....

- How might I better support you as a reader at home?
- What made you decide to share this piece with me?
- How did you feel as you read your learning out loud?
- What's the hardest / easiest part about the writing process for you? Why do you think so?
- Which piece of work are you most proud of?
- Which subject is difficult for you? Why? How can I help you?
- Which is your favourite subject? Why?
- What makes you happiest at school?
- Which occurrences frustrate you at school?
- How can I help you achieve your goals?
- What GOAL do you feel you still need to work on the most? Why?

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT:

Congratulations to our Soccer Mixed and Girls teams and our T-Ball Mixed and Girls teams that played in the Grand Finals this morning.

Results:

Soccer Girls defeated Spotswood 2 - 1

Soccer Mixed defeated Sacred Heart 2 - 1

T-Ball Girls defeated Seaholme 20 - 6

T-Ball Mixed defeated Spotswood 19 - 3.

Congratulations to all children involved. Thank you also to the many parents that came along to support them.

Both Soccer teams will play their next matches on Monday 15th July (1st day back next term) at Arndell Park, Truganina.

Both T-Ball teams will play their next matches on Tuesday 16th July (2nd day back next term) at Greenwich Reserve, Williamstown. You will receive a permission form via CareMonkey early next week.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE YEAR 7 PLACEMENT TESTS:

A reminder to parents of year 6 students enrolled at Emmanuel College for 2020 that the Back-up Placement Tests will take place next Thursday 27th June from 9.00 - 10.30 am at the Campus that the children will be attending next year. Either St. Paul's or Notre Dame.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Mid-Year Reports have been sent home with each child this afternoon.

LETTER:

There has also been a letter sent home this afternoon to each family with the eldest child from Archpriest Michael Kalka.

School Finishes at 1.00pm next Monday 24 June for Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences.

David Kelly
Principal

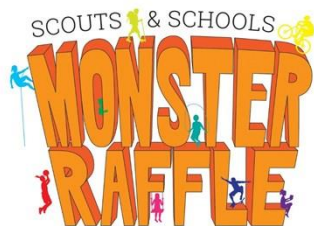


PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 17th June 2019

PREP D	Maks C for his detailed sentence writing Ryder G for being a good listener on our excursion to the aquarium
PREP L	Thomas B for working hard to hear sounds in words when writing Stella E for always being a good listener
YEAR 1/2D	Isabella F for a thoughtful and convincing persuasive text Gianluca C for his enthusiastic attitude at our Habitat Incursion
YEAR 1/2G	Silas H for his fantastic Information booklet and his use of Non-Fiction features Sienna M for sharing her fantastic thoughts and ideas during writing time
YEAR 1/2S	Luca B for showing a great improvement in all his work Jeremee L for working hard during writing
YEAR 1/2T	Daniel G for using multiple maths strategies to present his number of the day Benjamin D for contributing his great opinions and ideas to class discussions
YEAR 3/4HT	Zoe N for her amazing google slides presentation on the Blue Whale Jack C for his great google slides presentation on the Amur Tiger
YEAR 3/4K	Josh V for his engaging oral presentation about the Sie Whale Gisella D for being a helpful member of 3/4K
YEAR 3/4M	Kaya B for being a very co-operative team player in group activities Liam T for her outstanding presentation on raising awareness for endangered Galapagos Penguins
YEAR 5/6C	Katie M for her ability to work co-operatively with all members of the class Sam P for a big improvement in his homework presentation
YEAR 5/6H	Mai N for her attention to detail in her writing craftsmanship when working in both literacy and integrated Ethan L for his high level of concentration when learning new concepts in maths
YEAR 5/6T	Shannon W for her positive approach to her studies and her caring nature when dealing with her peers

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The following children represented our school and our Sports District at the Regional Cross Country Championships yesterday: Shannon & Keely Williams, Oscar & Luca Devetak and Xavier Rietveld. They all did an outstanding job. Congratulations and Well Done.



“This year the P&F have again decided to partner with the wonderful Scouts Victoria, “Scouts Monster Raffle”.

Tickets will go home with your eldest child Friday 28th June.

As per previous years, 75% of all funds raised by St Mary's during the raffle goes directly back to the school community, that's \$1.50 for every \$2.00 ticket sold.

There are more than 100 prizes to be won by lucky ticket winners, including this year's 1st Prize, Holden Trax 1.4L Turbo Automatic, valued at \$30,242.82, a family holiday for 4 to the Gold Coast, valued at \$2,995 and many other vouchers and gift

cards.

If you require them there will be extra Raffle Books available from the Front Office. Good Luck!

TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 24th June 2019

Friday: **Cath Thorneycroft**

2019 Sacrament Dates

Reconciliation

We pray for all our students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

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



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This weekend's Gospel Luke 9: 11-17



They all ate and were filled.

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

On Friday 28th June we will celebrate the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and so we are seeking food donations to donate to our local St Vincent de Paul Society.



Each classroom has one 'washing basket' to fill with non-perishable food items; e.g. cans, soup, cereal, pasta or good quality toys, books and bric-a-brac.

Please help us to help those in our community in need of a little care this winter.

Grace & Noah
Social Justice Leaders



Special Dates

16-22 Jun Migrant and Refugee Week

REFUGEE WEEK 2019

24 Jun Solemnity of The Nativity of St John the Baptist
28 Jun Feast of the Sacred Heart - Whole School Mass
9:15 am
29 Jun Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul



Weekly Class Masses

On Friday 28th June we will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart with a whole school mass in the church at 9:15 am lead by the children of 3/4HT.

We welcome you warmly to this event and would love to see you there.

BAPTISM

We congratulate the following students on the celebration of their Baptism recently:

Elisha Shafik-Eid, Rebekah Shafik-Eid and Kade Fenton

Welcome to the Faith and to Mary Help of Christian's community from all of us here at St Mary's School.

VU SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



PRACTICE LIKE A PRO THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

MULTI SPORT

MON 1 - FRI 5 JULY 2019
FOOTSCRAY PARK

MON 8 - FRI 12 JULY 2019
FOOTSCRAY PARK

BASKETBALL

MON 1 - WED 3 JULY 2019
WHITTEN OVAL

MON 8 - WED 10 JULY 2019
WHITTEN OVAL

NETBALL

THUR 4 JULY 2019
WHITTEN OVAL

THUR 11 JULY 2019
WHITTEN OVAL

TIME: 9:00am - 3:30pm
(Aftercare 3:30pm - 5:30pm)

FOR: Children aged 5 - 12 years old

COST: \$200 for a full week
\$55.00 per day
\$8.50 aftercare per day

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ATA ACTING STUDIO



Classes will place emphasis on self-development whilst building professional Acting skills.

Subjects include: Audition Preparation, Acting Technique, Creating a Character, Improvisation Intensive, Stage & Screen Technique, Industry Classes and much more!

Class Locations include: Altona Meadows – Mondays
Yarraville - Tuesdays
Hoppers Crossing – Wednesdays
Essendon – Thursdays
Ravenhall/Caroline Springs - Fridays
Williamstown - Saturdays

**AGES - 7-10 years
10-12 years
Teenagers
Adults**

**Classes are from 5pm weekdays & from 10am on Saturday in Williamstown
Each term runs parallel to the school term for 8 weeks**

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"Adam graduated with a B.A in Performing Arts from the University of Ballarat in 1993. Since then he has worked professionally as an Actor in Film, TV and Theatre.

Adam has had roles on 'Comedy Inc', 'Frontline', 'Neighbours' & 'A Country Practice' to name a few and most recently playing different crazy characters pranking kids on ABC's 'Prank Patrol'.

Adam has been teaching Acting & Drama since 1999 and opened his own business in 2011. He holds classes for Children, Teens & Adults and caters for Beginners to Advanced.

Past students have had great success, scoring lead roles in Feature Films and TV shows such as "Romper Stomper", "The Society", "Neighbours", "The Elephant Princess", "The INXS Story", "As the Bell Rings" & "Underbelly" to name a few".