

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2019

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No. 20 28th June, 2019

Dear Parents

"An update from the Parish Priest:

The process to find the next Principal of our school has begun. I had my first formal meeting with Catholic Education Melbourne on Wednesday 25th. We will be required to follow a designated timeline, so that we can achieve the best possible outcome for all in our school. So, over the next few days I will finalise the membership of the Interview Panel, and it will be their role to assist in this important search. While I acknowledge that this is an important time in the life of our Parish and School, all Interview Panel discussions must remain confidential.

Also, as you know, our Parish Masterplan process is still only a discussion of ideas, suggestions, and possibilities. Therefore, any further Masterplan meetings will be postponed until after the announcement of the new School Principal.

Blessings,
Archpriest (Monsignor) Michael Kalka"



JUMP OFF DAY:

Wow! What a blast all the children had at our school Jump Off Day. Well done to all. It was great to see so many parents helping out and getting involved. Thank you! Congratulations to all the children for participating in the program and hopefully they will continue to be active and keep skipping. The money raised from the day will be donated to the Heart Foundation. Special mention to Nicola Surbevski for assisting with the organisation of the day and supporting the children throughout the program.



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

Tickets have gone home with your eldest child today 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!!"



WALK/RIDE TO SCHOOL

Our next Walk/Ride to School day is on **Tuesday 23rd July**. Please note that Walking School Buses will not run on this day but we will collect names for house points on the netball court before school. Be sure to come to school in an active way!

CONGRATULATIONS:

To our Soccer Girls and Mixed teams and our T-Ball Girls and Mixed teams that have progressed through to the knock out stage of the School Sport Victoria's State Championships. The soccer teams will play at Arndell Park, Truganina on the first Monday of next term. The T-Ball teams will play on the first Tuesday of next term. The CareMonkey permission forms were sent yesterday hopefully you have already responded. If not please do so immediately.

FOOTY TIPPING:

We are back to a full round this week so the jackpot is back in play - \$10. Good Luck!

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS:

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th July – Staff Conference

Friday 6th September – “The Inquiry Process” Jeni Wilson

PRAYERS:

Please keep Maree Ryan (one of our Learning Support Officers) and her family in your prayers. Maree's father passed away yesterday.

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable time over the next two weeks.

David Kelly
Principal



EMMANUEL COLLEGE NEWS:

Students and staff attended the Winter Sleep Out last Friday night. In freezing conditions, they experienced the difficult reality of sleeping outside during a Melbourne winter and raised vital funds to support homelessness services. Our Year 10 students attended Work Experience this week, gaining incredibly valuable insights into future careers and pathways. Our Year 9 students spent three fruitful days with their teachers on their Marvellous Melbourne Project, participating in an excursion into Melbourne and culminating in a Melbourne tourism campaign.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 15th July 2019

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

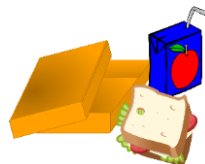
Thursday:

Friday:

Manager: Amy Xu

Rosemary Ciavarella

Tel: 9315 0799



2019 Sacrament Dates

Eucharist



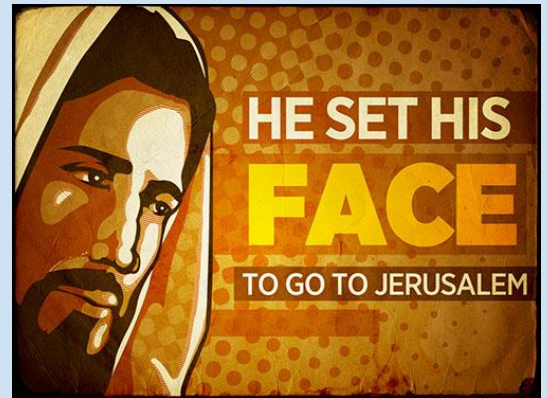
Eucharist: – Family Workshop:
Wednesday 17th July. School Hall:
5 pm OR 7 pm
Facilitated by Michelle Linossier

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

Eucharist: - Sacrament
Saturday, 10th August, 6 pm
Saturday, 17th August, 6 pm

This weekend's Gospel

Luke 9: 51–62



Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem, I will follow you wherever you go.



Weekly Class Masses

We look forward to Friday 19th July, when Year 1/2D will lead the celebration of the Mass at 9:15 am.

On Friday 26th July we will celebrate Grandparent's Day with a whole school mass in the church at 9:15 am lead by the children of 3/4K.

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

Special Dates

29 Jun Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul

3 Jul Feast of St Thomas, Apostle

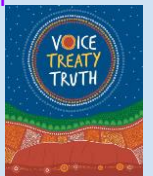
7–14 Jul NAIDOC Week

11 Jul Memorial of St Benedict

19 July 1/2D Class mass at 9:15 am

Wed 17th July Eucharist Family Workshops (5pm & 7pm)

26 July Grandparent's Day whole school mass

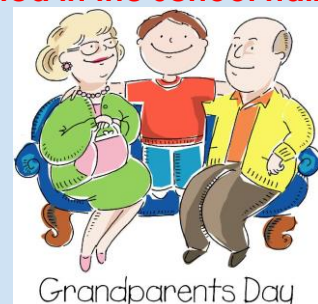


On Friday 28th June we celebrated the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and we were blessed with all of the donations that we will pass on to our local St Vincent de Paul Society.

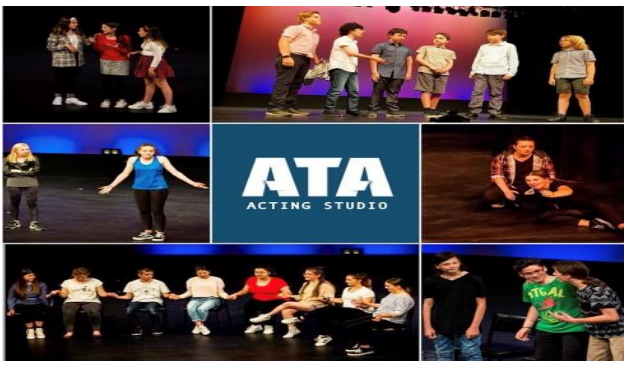


Grandparent's & Special Person's Day

Early reminder that on Friday 26th July we will celebrate Grandparent's and Special Person's Day. The day begins with Mass at 9.15am, classroom visits after Mass and morning tea in the school hall at 11am.



More details to follow next term.



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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Email: adamturnbull@hotmail.com.au

Phone Adam on **0419 593 257** for all Bookings & Enquiries

school holiday Session

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Saturday July 6th 9-10:30am
1.5hr class
Anti bullying / street self defence
Helping build confidence, awareness and non aggressive life skills for todays society
\$25pp Mums, dads and kids

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VU SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

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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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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

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