

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful turn up we had again to celebrate Grandparents / Special Friends Day. It was fantastic to see so many children sitting with their grandparents/special friends in the Church to celebrate mass. After mass they were then rushed off to the classrooms to see what the children had prepared for them. Some had to be very conscious of time so they could get around to all the classrooms they needed to. Then it was over to the hall for a cuppa with scones, cream and jam and some more entertainment from our school choir.

A day like this doesn't just happen so thank you to all those who contributed in one way or another. A special thank you to Olive Chodowski our R.E Leader for her organisation of the mass. To Cathy Sims & Valda Pedley for their organisation of the music and the choir. Thank you and congratulations to all the members of our school choir who sang so beautifully in the church and then entertained the large crowd at morning tea. Well Done! To Marg Masseni for her organisation of the Morning Tea. To all the staff that assisted in one way or another. Thank you.

Thank you to some of our school leaders who helped serving food at the morning tea: Sofia Bitaks, Sienna Tanti, Mia Attana, Emma Hussey, Erin Cucanic. They all did a fantastic job. Well Done!

ITALIAN CLASSES:

Mrs Renata Pisani will commence taking Italian classes from next Monday 30th July. These sessions will take place on a Monday and a Friday. All year levels will participate. Welcome Renata.

FOOTY TIPPING:

No one correctly tipped all 9 winners last round so the jackpot this round is \$15. Good Luck!

SCHOOL CLOSURE:

Our next **School Closure Day** is on **Monday 27th August**. Staff will work with Mathematics expert Michael Ymer on this day. There is no school for students on this day.

PRAYERS:

Please keep Lisa Said (Year 1/2S teacher) and her family in your prayers as Lisa's father passed away suddenly over the holidays.

David Kelly
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2018 Sacrament Dates

TERM THREE:

* **Family Workshop evening – Wednesday 1st August – 7pm**
– 3/4M & 3/4HK in School Hall
– 3/4V in Church Narthex

* **Shared Meal & Practice Session – Tuesday 14th August – School Hall – 6pm**

* **SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST – SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST – 3PM**



"Lean on God." 1871

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * Our Year 3 students as they begin their preparations for their First Eucharist.
- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.

Grandparent's & Special Person's Day



HAPPY
GRANDPARENTS
DAY!

A Grandparents Prayer

God, thank you for blessing my child with children that I love unconditionally.

I pray that you watch over, protect and guide them through a long and healthy life.

Give my grandchildren the *courage* to follow their *dreams* & stand for their beliefs.

Should the time come that I leave the Earth please bless that I have left them with the certainty that *my love* for them is *forever and always*.



Grand
Parents
Day

Staff Professional Learning Day

On Thursday 19th July, our St Mary's staff attended a staff spirituality day presented by Fr. Richard Leonard sj. The theme of the day was, "Lights! Camera! Action! How can Catholic Education form believers in a media-saturated culture?"

It was a wonderful opportunity for our staff to reflect with Fr Richard about their role as educators in a Catholic school and the battle with the biggest competitor for the heart and mind of young students—the media.

With his expertise and many years of experience in the media industry, Fr Richard provided a never-ending supply of humour and a singing voice to match. He challenged stereotypes even as he entertained us with wisdom and moved staff to tears with his story of keeping the faith in the midst of deep personal tragedy.



Here are a few comments from staff:

"I think Richard is a great story teller and always has interesting things to say. I find that what he says stays with me and gives me more to think about outside the actual day. There are so many times that you appreciate what you hear on the day then on reflection goes to a much deeper level and so appreciate it more!"

"It was the first time I have heard Richard present and I thought it was wonderful. So re affirming to hear someone speak with such a welcoming open minded approach to the dignity of all people."

"I only have positive things to say about Richard! I think he is an amazing presenter that talks about contemporary and relevant issues while still adding humour. I always find that he leaves me with a lot to think about."

"I enjoyed the day very much. I love hearing the real stories of Richard and the messages that he illustrates with them."

"I really liked Richard Leonard's presentation - he's a great story teller and very engaging. By speaking about the media and what children are watching is eye opening."



PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 23rd July 2018

PREP D	Amelia Q for her listening for sounds and re-reading her work when writing
PREP S	Miles D for his enthusiasm when discussing topics of interest
YEAR 1/2G	Natalie M for her great efforts in staying focused on tasks and finishing her work
YEAR 1/2K	Jacquelyn L for being a responsible and caring member of 1/2K
YEAR 1/2D	Louis N for his hard work during reading groups
YEAR 1/2S	Tashana E for her great effort with reading
YEAR 3/4M	Ruby R for her great efforts and positive attitude during Spelling tasks
YEAR 3/4HK	Toby T for his great efforts with Reading activities
YEAR 3/4V	Leon B for working efficiently and staying focused during class activities
YEAR 5/6C	Marcus K for his hard work and impressive responses to Mathematical tasks
YEAR 5/6L	Hannah E for following criteria to write a great snapshot
YEAR 5/6H	Monae S for her great efforts during literacy in class



St Mary's STEM Night

We will be having a STEM night on **Tuesday 7th August at 7pm**. Be prepared for a night of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths fun! Investigations will be set up around the Junior building and TRI Centre for you and your children to explore.

The night will be hands on, challenging you to think outside the square and see how STEM learning is all around us. The investigations are suitable for all ages. This is a Prep - Year 6 event. All families who attend have the chance to win one of two '14 in 1 Solar Robot Kits'. STEM showbags will also be given out on the night for all families that attend. Please respond via CareMonkey. We look forward to seeing you there.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 30TH July 2018

Monday:

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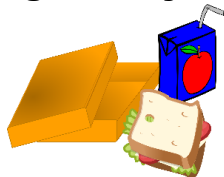
Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

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Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



SAVE THE DATE!!!

It's disco time... our social event for the year "**Famous**" Disco will be held on **Saturday 27 October** at Kooringal Golf Club.

This one is for the adults, lock in the date, grab a group of friends and start thinking about outfits. Come dressed as your favourite movie or sport star, cartoon character or music legend!

To help us make this night a roaring success we'd love local businesses to sponsor any of the following (part sponsorship is great too, every little bit helps...):

DJ - \$450

Candy Buffet - \$150

Coin Toss: 3 bottles of top shelf spirits i.e. Chivas Regal, Moet etc.

A huge thank you to St Mary's parents Kristin and Ronnie Azzopardi from Budget Tyres Sunshine and Holeshot Motorcycle Accessories for very generously sponsoring our photobooth. Look them up next time you need a new set of tyres or accessory for your motorbike! More details after the holidays...

Welcome BACK TO MSJ

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2008

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1978

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1998

College Reunion



When Saturday 27 October 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Where Tenison Woods Learning Centre
133 Maidstone Street Altona

Drinks and Light Refreshments will be provided
Tickets available through www.tickethost.com.au
Entry is Free of Charge



Educating Today, Shaping Tomorrow

This poster was created by a current MSJ student, Teagan LaBrooy Year 11

Information Morning

Saturday 4 August

Notre Dame Campus
2-40 Foxwood Drive
Point Cook
9.00am - 10.30am

St Paul's Campus
423 Blackshaws Road
Altona North
10.30am - 12.00pm



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