



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No.22 28th July, 2017

I have been concerned about a situation which has been developing on the Playground BEFORE and particularly AFTER school. My concern is founded on our Legal Liability, Health & Safety and Duty of Care Issues. Camp Australia, our Out of School Hours Care supplier has also contacted me about their concerns regarding supervision particularly with their increasing numbers.

So I ask for your support and co-operation with the following:

BEFORE SCHOOL:

No children are to be on the school playground before 8.30 am. as there is no teacher supervision. Children who arrive at school before 8.30 am. are to wait in the office foyer. At 8.30 am. the school gates are opened and children can gather on the netball court or sit on seating around our Junior Building. Prep and Year 1/2 ONLY can play on the Junior Adventure Playground. No children are to be on the basketball court, oval, Senior Adventure Playground or in the sandpit. For safety reasons there are NO BALL GAMES allowed BEFORE SCHOOL.

AFTER SCHOOL:

Children need to wait to be collected on the Netball Court, around the sandpit (not in it) or on or near the Junior Adventure Playground. As again these are the only areas that are supervised. No children are to be on the Basketball Court, Senior Adventure Playground or the oval after school.

For safety reasons there are NO BALL GAMES allowed AFTER SCHOOL. We ask for your co-operation with these arrangements as they are necessary from a legal and safety viewpoint as well as fulfilling government regulations regarding Out of School Hours Care requirements.

I'm happy to open our school gates earlier (2.45 pm) so that parents have longer to catch up with other parents before the children are dismissed.

GRANDPARENTS DAY:

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 Acting Deputy Principal and R.E Leader for her organisation of the mass and the morning tea. To Liz Whitehouse and some of the school staff for their assistance with setting up and cleaning up. To Angela Hamilton our Performing Arts teacher for the music and the organisation of 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!

Thank you to our school leaders: Jazmin Dowd, Millie Pilditch, Liam Denys, Luke Vella, Sara Adani, Kyle Escobar, Ally Smedley, Tegan Sortino, Isla McAvoy, Madeline Mickovski, Taj Tanti, Ava Robertson, Noah Defina, Gabrielle Montabello, Kane Sortino, Elizabeth Teshomi and Liam Curran who all welcomed our visitors to the school, helped set up the morning tea, serving scones and cleaning up afterwards. They all did a fantastic job. Well Done!

YEAR 7, 2019 ENROLMENT DEADLINE:

Parents of children currently in Year 5 the closing date for Applications for Enrolment for Year 7 in 2019 is Friday 25th August. Year 5, 2017 NAPLAN results are being uploaded between the 1st & 15th August. We should receive a hard

copy around this time. We will send home these results as soon as we receive them as they usually need to be included in your applications.

ITALIAN CLASSES:

We welcome the return of Mrs Renata Pisani to our staff at St. Mary's. Renata will take our Year 3 - 6 children for Italian lessons on a Monday while our Prep - Year 2s will have their Italian lessons on a Friday.

NCCD FORM:

There is a link attached to the Newsletter email which explains the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on School Students with Disability. Only return the form to school if you **DO NOT CONSENT** to your child's name being provided.

SCOUTS VICTORIA /SCHOOL RAFFLE:

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we are again involved in the Scouts Victoria, "Scouts Monster Raffle". You received a book of raffle tickets last week. For every \$2.00 ticket sold St. Mary's receives \$1.50. Money raised from this fundraiser will contribute to the redesigned sandpit, new synthetic turf layed and new technology purchases. There are more than 100 prizes to be won by lucky ticket winners including this year's 1st Prize, a Kia Sportage Si 2WD Petrol Auto, valued at \$33,353.00, other prizes are IGA Gift cards, Logitech Surround Sound Systems and many other gift cards.

St. Mary's P & F is also offering with many thanks to the following sponsors, A Park Lane Holiday Parks Voucher to the value of \$300.00 and a Phoenix Hotel Dinner Voucher to the value of \$50.00 to the family who sells the most tickets. Extra Raffle Books are available from the School Office. **ALL SOLD TICKETS, MONEY AND UNSOLD TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 14th AUGUST.**

DAD's NIGHT:

A reminder that our next Dad's Night is on tonight, Friday 28 July from 7.30 pm. in the school hall. Enter through the McBain Street gates. Just bring some \$5 bills for the bar. Table tennis and pool will be doubles format and your partner will be selected at random in the spirit of getting to know each other. Darts will be singles. All are welcome. Ben London & Jarrod Pye on behalf of the Parents & Friends.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Nobody correctly selected all nine winners in Round 18 so the Jackpot this week is \$10.00. With 4 rounds to go there are 10 people within 5 of the lead. Good Luck!

David Kelly
Principal

Prep Parents – Envelopes have been sent home today for the visiting School nurse.
Please return them no later than Thursday 10th August, thank you.



JOSEPH'S CORNER TRIVIA NIGHT

WHEN: Saturday 16th September, 2017

TIME: Doors open 7.00pm, with a 7.30pm start. 11:00pm finish.

WHERE: St Augustine's Hall,
61 Somerville Road, Yarraville.

COST: \$15 per person

Bookings on 9315 2680 or

contact@josephscorner.org.au

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Door Prize, Major Auction and Silent Auction.

All money raised goes to Joseph's Corner, a non-profit organisation providing free counselling and support services for families and friends of those living with alcohol or drug addiction.

Looking forward to seeing you there



Mount St Joseph Girls' College – Next Open Day Morning

Thursday 10th August 2017 9.30am – 10.30am

Applications for year 7, 2019 will close on the 25th August, 2017

Limited places available for 2018

Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website www.mjs.vic.edu.au or by contacting the school on 8398 2000 or emailing the College Registrar, Sherri Collins at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au



Sacrament of Confirmation - Friday 18th August, 7pm

(A big thank-you to Michelle Pilditch and Karoline Fanjek who assisted Nicole Singleton with our workshops to place names on the candidates' stoles.)



Grandparent's Day

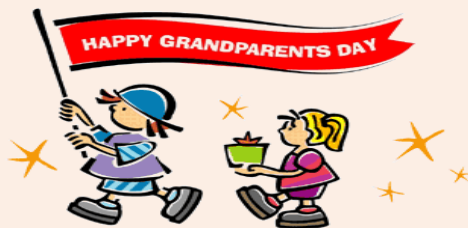
A Special Kind of Love

There's a special kind of love that grandchildren have for their grandparents.

It's filled with respect for their wisdom and accomplishments; With gratitude for the values they've given us, with delight in the stories of our family that they remember and share.

It's a special kind of love that's built on a lifetime of caring and giving. It's the kind of love that's felt for you my dear grandparent, today and always.

**Special People
Deserve A
Special Day...**



"Believe the whisperings of God to your own heart." 1868

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * Our Year 6 students as they prepare to celebrate their Confirmation.
- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.

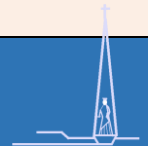


Weekly Class Mass:

On Friday 4th August Year 5/6K will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.



Parish News



Thanksgiving Envelopes - Please remember to collect your new set of Thanksgiving Envelopes from the Narthex. Thank you to all parishioners for their continued support.

Congratulations to our 'new' Year 3 & 4 **Altar Servers** who attend St. Mary's:

Jeremy Cassar
Tom Engler
Christian Galea
Lachlan Moore
Eliza Pels,



Thank you to their parents for their continued support.

Petitions against Mercy Killing - Last weekend we circulated petitions against Mercy Killing/Euthanasia and your response to these petitions was great. If you were not present at the Masses last weekend and would like to sign these petitions, a white and also a yellow sheet to Hon Jill Hennessy and Dr. Rachel Carling-Jenkins, (our M.Ps.), please do so before you go home this Sunday. *Thank you Fr Shabin.*

Future Maintenance Works -Over this weekend of 29/30 July a number of photos will be displayed in the Narthex highlighting major roof/draining to be carried out to the Presbytery, Church and Narthex roof as well as the Chapel area. Works to the Presbytery roof have now commenced. Other works will commence in Sept/Oct. Further updates will be provided should there be disruption to Church activities. All works are subject to weather conditions.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS

Week beginning 31st July



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Caroline Cassar

Thursday

Friday Rosemary Ciavarella

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



PRINCIPALS AWARDS 24th July 2017

PREP D	Eva D for working hard during maths tasks
PREP S	Jamie S for the great writing he did about Milo's birthday party.
YEAR 1/ 2HT	Oscar F for confidently speaking during his show and tell presentation about his car.
YEAR 1/ 2S	Oscar T for his great reading strategies.
YEAR 1/ 2N	Jade Mc for the pride she takes in her written work.
YEAR 1/2G	Tahlia R for her great improvement in reading.
YEAR 3/4M	Lexie R for her hard work and dedication to her learning.
YEAR 3/4HK	Ava Z for her persistence when facing challenging tasks.
YEAR 3/4V	Toby Da for his impeccable manners and friendly demeanour.
YEAR 5/6C	Lucas M for working accurately to solve complicated maths problems.
YEAR 5/6L	Jacob Y for his fantastic display of persistence during the soccer finals.
YEAR 5/6K	Shawn P for continually striving to do his best during all learning tasks.



Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club

Saturday 29th July Williamstown Baseball Club is holding a free Come & Try Day between 10am and 12 noon at Greenwich Reserve The Strand Newport for all boys & girls 4 to 17 to try Baseball or Tee Ball to see if they like it. WBC supplies all equipment.



NORMIE THE GNOME

Normie the Gnome is awarded to the House Team who keeps their part of the yard the cleanest. This week's winner is:
Yellow Team



LIFE TO THE FULL

**Emmanuel
College**

An information morning for prospective parents and students of Emmanuel College, including tours, will be

conducted at Notre Dame Campus, Pt Cook at 9:00am and St Paul's Campus, Altona North at 10:30am on Saturday 12 August. For further information, or to obtain a copy of the College Prospectus, please contact College Registrar, Donna Grech, on 83255119. **A reminder that the closing date for applications for Year 7, 2019 is Friday 25 August 2017.**



UNIFORM SHOP

**In 2017 the uniform shop will be open:
Thursdays 2.30 - 3.00 pm.**

For those that are unable to make it to the shop, the order forms are available on the School Website, News, Notes & Forms. These can be sent through to stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com. Payment can be made via direct deposit or cash in an envelope dropped off to the school office. Uniforms once ordered and paid for will be sent home in your child's school bag. If the sizes are not correct, and the labels are still attached, return them to the office with a note and contact number, and we will endeavour to correct it for you.

ROUND 15

WILLIAMSTOWN SEAGULLS
EST. 1864

FOOTSCRAY BULLDOGS

Saturday 29th July - Burbank Oval
73 Morris Street, Williamstown
Start Time - 2.00pm

WATERLINE PLACE
WILLIAMSTOWN 3016

FREE KIDS ACTIVITY ZONE

- ★ Ballon Ride
- ★ Abseiling/Rock Climbing
- ★ Animal Farm
- ★ Speccie the Seagull
- ★ Canteen