



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, ALTONA

NEWSLETTER 2016

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Dear Parents,

No. 22 29th July, 2016

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 in the Church to celebrate mass. After mass the grandparents 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, 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!

Margaret Masseni for organising the food and the morning tea and to all the staff for preparing the activities and welcoming the grandparents into their classrooms.

Thank you to our School Captains, Social Justice, Wellbeing, House and Choir Leaders: Alanah Briffa, Michelle Nassim, Thomas Kruger, Justin Nguyen, Tahlia Sepsic, Kate Ealem, Isabella Cassar, Ella Longretti-Schreppel, Hannah Jesaulenko, Tam Nguyen, Tanvi Arora, Michael Cassar, Sienna Cutajar, Cody Harris, Mulunesh Teshomi, James Curran, Lauren Wakfer and Jade Azzopardi who all helped by setting up the morning tea, serving scones and cleaning up afterwards and/or singing in the choir. They all did a fantastic job.

A huge thank you to Liz Whitehouse and her helpers who helped butter, jam and cream over 200 scones for the morning tea.

HOMEWORK:

Included in today's newsletter email is a separate link which will take you to a short survey which has been created to gather your thoughts and insights about homework. We are asking all parents to complete the survey by next Friday 5th August. The survey will be completed online. A similar survey will be completed by staff and students from Years 3 - 6 in the next week or so.

A reminder to parents that there were a series of articles in last term's newsletters if you would like to read what some of the current research is saying about homework. These articles were in newsletters dated: 27th May, 3rd, 10th & 24th June. The information gained from these surveys and the current research will be used to review our current Homework Policy to ensure that our expectations are relevant and appropriate to our children and families today and in the future. We thank you for your participation in this process.

EUCCHARIST FAMILIES...

This is the link to the YouTube Clip that Sr. Lorraine Testa couldn't show on the night.

Hope you find it useful

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhNZDrb4fWg>



Remember our next cuppa and chat is next FRIDAY 5th AUGUST @ 2.30pm in the staff room.
Some of our Year 5/6 leaders will present about their recent excursions to local Student Leadership days
We would love to see you there! Bring A Friend!

Footy Tipping: Jackpot this week is \$45

David Kelly
PRINCIPAL

EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST EUCHARIST NEWS

Dates to remember:

Shared Family Meal & Workshop:

Celebration of First Eucharist:

Saturday, 20th August at 6:00pm.

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Sunday, 21st August at 10.30am.

Wednesday, 17th August, 6:00pm in school hall

.....All decorated patches for First Eucharist were due back today 29th July - a big thank you to Gigi Fantuz's grandmother and also Jett Porter's Grandmother who have offered to sew the patches into a banner. A great effort.



GRANDPARENT'S DAY PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage that they may pass onto future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experiences. Amen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- * All students who are preparing to receive their First Eucharist.
- * Our Grandparents, may they grow in wisdom and joy and find peace and rest from their work.

***"May God bless you, keep you strong
and help you with your crosses."***

Mary MacKillop, 1900



PRINCIPAL AWARDS 26th July

PrepHM	Alegra Da Silva
PrepS	Tiana Matina
Year 1/2HK	Isaiah Holland
Year 1/2S	Jordan Fenton
Year 1/2D	Gabby Luppino
Year 1/2G	Amelie Cowap
Year 3/4M	Marcus Kruger
Year 3/4S	Gabby Karas
Year 3/4VH	Summa Polo
Year 5/6C	Tam Nguyen
Year 5/6L	Aiden Vella
Year 5/6M	Zach Perry



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**

IMPORTANT DATES.

1/8	Year 1/2D Assembly	2.30pm
3/8	Preps Animal Land Farm Excursion	
5/8	Genes for Jeans Day	
8/8	Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop	9.15 – 10.15am
8/8	Year 1/2S Assembly	2.30pm
9/8	School Education Board Meeting	7.30pm
12/8	Athletic Trials	9.00- 1.30pm
15/8	Year 3/4 Prayer Assembly	2.40pm
16/8	School Closure Day	
17/8	First Eucharist- Shared Meal/workshop	6.00 – 8.00pm
20/8	Sacrament of First Eucharist	6.00 – 7.00pm
21/8	Sacrament of First Eucharist	10.30 – 11.30am
22/8	Year 1/2HK Assembly	2.30pm
24/8	Year 4 Camp 24 – 26 th August	9.00am
29/8	Year 1/2G Assembly	2.30pm
2/9	Father's Day Stall	
4/9	Father's Day Parish Mass	10.30-11.30am
5/9	Prep S & Prep HM Prayer Assembly	2.40pm
6/9	ADSSA Athletics	
7/9	Family Maths Night	6.30-7.30pm
9/9	Footy Fun Day	
12/9	Year 5/6M Assembly	2.30pm
16/9	Term 3 Finishes	

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to support young people in the community

\$1.50 out of every \$2.00 ticket sold goes to the local school, kinder, sporting team etc. (\$2.00 for participating Scout Groups)

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SCOUT / SCHOOL RAFFLE:

We hope everyone is well on the way to selling their raffle books that were sent home last Monday.

Could you please return tickets and money, and any unused tickets by Friday 5 August.

Reminder: BAD MOM'S MOVIE NIGHT – 1 LAST CHANCE TO GRAB YOUR TIX for "Bad Moms" Ticket sales must close at Midnight on Wednesday 3rd August. Sun Theatre Yarraville, 12TH August @ \$28 - 6pm for a 7pm start. Buy your tix online through TryBooking at www.trybooking.com/LPYN

HELP NEEDED....

Would anyone be willing at the end of each term to wash the unnamed clothes that have been left in lost property? These clothes are then put into the uniform shop for sale. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

NEW ONLINE PARENTING COURSE: MICHAEL GROSE

Starting 19th August, this 3-week online course focuses on giving parents and teachers the key understandings about boys so you can successfully raise them to develop into **fine young men**, help them be **successful learners**, and help them better **manage their emotions**. Raising boys is a massive challenge for many parents. With under ten-year-olds it's behaviour, poor self-confidence and learning issues that keep parents of boys busy. Parenting teenage boys presents its own problems, including helping them navigate personal relationships, succeed at school and just be organised – not to mention risk-taking and aggressiveness which is on the rise. <http://parentingideaschools.com.au/raisingmightyboys>



JEANS 4 GENES – FRIDAY 5th AUGUST. Students are encouraged to replace part of their school uniform and wear DENIM eg. jeans, shirt, hat etc. to help raise money to **FIGHT CHILDHOOD DISEASES**. Staff will be joining in too. **A gold coin donation is asked from everyone who joins in.**



Thanks for coming along in an active way yesterday. Our Most Active Class was Prep S. Our next Walk / Ride to School Day is Monday 22nd August.

DOING IT RIGHT

Thanks to everyone who has been Doing It Right around the school.

Prep S: Andy

1/2HK: Zali, Jasmine,

1/2G: Dhriti, Isabel

5/6L: Isla, Sunita,

For keeping junior students safe, picking up lots of papers at the end of lunchtime without being asked, getting along well with others, helping someone and loads of other great things.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 1st August July



Wednesday

Thursday

Marylinda Abate

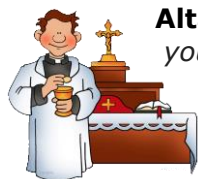
Friday

Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola



Fr. Shabin sends greetings from Krakow, Poland, where he is attending the World Youth Day Festival (WYD), from 17th July to the 5th August, 2016. The first part of his pilgrimage is completed. Pope Francis arrived on Wednesday and the event concluded this Sunday. The event so far has been a great experience and pilgrims have been arriving each day with huge crowds gathering. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.



Altar Servers Mass – Sunday 14th August, 10.30am. Fr Shabin would like to say "Thank you" to past and present Altar Servers for being active participants in the life of Mary, Help of Christians Parish, Altona, therefore this special occasion is a thank you celebration for the time and commitment that Altar Servers have made to the life of our Church. The parish will also organise some light refreshments after Mass for our Altar Servers.



St Mary's Family Maths Night

On the 7th of September, we will be having Family Maths Night. This will be an opportunity for families to enjoy investigating maths in a hands on, fun way. **Save the day and be ready to have some fun!**