



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No. 25 18th August, 2017

Once again Insight SRC is conducting a survey on behalf of the Catholic Education Office, Melbourne and our school. Sixty randomly selected parents will receive an envelope containing instructions and the survey early next week. You can choose to complete it online or a paper copy.

The online version is open from Monday 21st August until Friday 8th September. The paper version needs to be returned to the school office, sealed in the supplied envelope, also by Friday 8th September as they need to be returned to Insight SRC. Any surveys returned after this date cannot be included. Participation in this survey, while strongly encouraged, is completely voluntary.

If you receive a survey and you do not wish to participate please return it immediately to school and we can offer it to another family. If you haven't received a survey and you would like to complete one we have a few spare copies so please contact the school office and we will send you one.

All staff, our Year 5/6 students and this year our Year 3/4 students will also complete a survey prior to the 8th September.

The main aim of the survey is to identify factors that contribute to the organisational health of your child/children's school and provide valuable information about what is going well, and not so well, and the ways in which this may be improved and built upon. Please remember your individual responses will remain confidential and can only be accessed by Insight SRC. Feedback will be provided to us, based on the collective answers of all parents who participate in this survey.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

CONFIRMATION:

At 7.00 pm tonight Archbishop Denis Hart will be celebrating the mass and administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the following children. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers:

Lynda Azzopardi, Liam Curran, Chloe Coldrey, Ryan Dawson, Noah Defina, Liam Denys, Jazmin Dowd, Kyle Escobar, Mila Fanjek, Porsha Guerrero, Oliver Jeffrey, Thomas Jones, Emma Kelly, Isla McAvoy, Giles Mercer, Gabrielle Montebello, Livinia Pace, Mackenzie Pace, Millie Pilditch, Kate Pope, Cooper Porter, Anthony Price-Cofre, Michael Pye, Ava Robertson, Alexandra Smedley, Kane Sortino, Tegan Sortino, Ava Steinhardt, Taj Tanti, Aiden Vella & Luke Vella.

EARN & LEARN:

A reminder to keep collecting the Earn & Learn stickers from Woolworths and place them on your own sticker sheet or send them to school. Ask your friends and/or relatives to help. The more the merrier. For more details check the last couple of newsletters. Thank you.

FATHER'S DAY MASS:

We will be celebrating Father's Day with our upcoming Parish / School Father's Day Mass on Sunday 3rd September at 10.30 am. Traditionally we have had one or two dads speak on their experiences of being a dad. So we are looking for volunteer/s. Please contact either myself or Olive Chodowski (Religious Education Leader) if you are able to assist us. It's not as difficult as you might think and feedback from dads who have been involved previously have said it was extremely rewarding.

PLANNING FOR 2018:

As we are beginning to plan for 2018 if you know your child/children will not be returning to St. Mary's in 2018 and they are currently in Prep - Year 5 could you please notify the school office. Thank you.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Congratulations to Sophie Belton, Tomyac & BP Bombers who all selected 9 winners last round. Unfortunately as the Jackpot was only \$5.00 there is no collect this week. The Jackpot this round is \$10.00. Good Luck!

David Kelly
Principal.



Walk Ride to School
Monday 21st August

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Sacrament of Confirmation - Friday 18th August, 7pm

On Tuesday 15th August our Years 3 to 6 celebrated the Feast of *The Assumption*.

**Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray, that,
always attentive to the things
that are above,
we may merit to be sharers
of her glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen**



Let us all pray for our Year Six Candidates who tonight (18th August – 7pm) celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation

God of the living and the dead,
God of our work and play,
God of our hope and our love,
Grant us peace today.
Help us to see your hand in all things,
and help us trust your wisdom.
Help us see the gifts we have received
and use them according to the needs
around us to benefit all.
Give us a generous heart
and a willing spirit
to accept the role you have given us.
Send us your Holy Spirit
to counsel, strengthen and guide us.
Amen.



Weekly Class Mass:

**On Friday 25th August Year 3/4V
will be attending the 9:15am
parish mass. Family and friends
are invited to celebrate and join
the children in prayer.**



Thank you from CatholicCare Sunday Appeal

CatholicCare is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during their CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Because of our parish's donations, and donations from the Catholic Church community, they can continue to support vulnerable and disadvantaged families through a range of social services

Befriending Anxiety – Joseph's Corner warmly welcome you to "Befriending Anxiety". As a participant in this confidential group program, you will be in a safe space to: *Learn to work with your anxiety; Learn how to make it be your friend; Learn strategies for knowing and managing your own challenges*, all while helping others to do the same!

Venue: Joseph's Corner, Cnr. Campbell & Bellin Sts. Laverton (9315 2680); **Days:** Every Thursday for 4 weeks, 31st August to 21st September;

Time: 10am to 12pm; **Cost** No cost but a gold coin donation would be appreciated. Tea & Coffee provided. counselling@josephscorner.org.au

Altar Servers Mass-Sunday 27th August 2017 10.30am.

Fr. Shabin would like to acknowledge our Altar Servers for being active participants in the life of our parish. This special occasion is a 'Thank You' celebration for the time and commitment that Altar Servers have made to the life of our church. There will be food & some activities lead by the Youth Group, for our Altar Servers in the school hall after Mass.

The next **Archbishop's Catholic Man Breakfast Series** on the 14th September 2017, features Daniel Wells, current Collingwood and former North Melbourne star, discussing "faith, family and football" with John Canavan. Our venue again is the CQ Club, 113 – 123 Queen St, Melbourne from 7 am to 9 am. Come along and hear Daniel talk about his faith journey and hear his message for young Catholic men. The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and to be encouraged and inspired in their faith. Don't miss it. Enquiries Michael Bohan 0439 172 465 michael.bohan@menalive.org.au



SEPTEMBER SESSION 2017 Mini "Gator" Basketball Is Coming

Would you like to Learn Basketball?

Ages 5-10 year old Girls & Boys

When Friday afternoon, – 4.15 to 5pm

Where Altona Sports Centre, Queen St, Altona Meadows Melways 208 K1.

Duration Eight Weekly sessions of 45minutes.

Cost \$60.00 per participant.

Includes Coaching, plus a Basketball for each participant.

Commences Friday 22nd SEPTEMBER 2017.

For further info, contact Altona Sports Centre on 9360-9288



cricket.

We have teams from Milo cricket to U11, U13, U15 and U17.

Please come along if you are interested in playing or email us for further info: altona.ccjuniors@hotmail.com or Jenny Turcinovich (chairperson) 0411 117 634 or Linda Mills (secretary) on 0420 840 593.



Uniform Shop: Open Thursdays 2.30-3.00pm

Uniform can be order via email, stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com. Simply use the description on the form adding size and quantity.

Payments can be made with either cash to the shop, or direct deposit (details at the bottom of the uniform order form). The order form can be found on the school website under NEWS then Notes & Forms.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 21st August, 2017



Wednesday


Thursday

Friday

Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola

Tel: 9315 0799



**Williamstown Wolves
Baseball Club**

**GIRLS
COME & TRY
DAY**

T-Ball ages 4 - 7
Junior Baseball ages 8 - 17

10am - 12 noon

Sat 26 August @ Greenwich Reserve
The Strand, Newport
Come for the Baseball, stay for the prizes and special guests.

For more information or to
get involved, contact the club.

willamstown.baseball.com.au
juniors.wbc@gmail.com (Sarah)
0419 750 916 (Ray)

**WOMEN WHO BELIEVE
LEAD
CHALLENGE
INSPIRE**



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An example of the great Art work produced by our year 3/4 students.





  

Altona City Soccer Club

We Are The People!

9th September 2017 - 1pm
Altona City SC Vs Diamond Valley United

Come Join and Support Altona City SC in a Fun Filled Day
FREE -JUMPING CASTLES - MANNY THE WIZARD – PARKING
Food & Beverages from Canteen

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Depression. Anxiety.

THE BEYONDBLUE CUP!