

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents

Thank you to all the school families and families from the parish that attended our First Eucharist Shared Meal and Workshops on Wednesday evening. There was lots of delicious food and excitable conversations during the shared meal in the hall followed by enthusiastic participation in the workshops. Please keep the children that are receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Sunday at 3.00 pm. and their families in your prayers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the teachers involved in preparing the children and assisting with the organisation throughout the program:

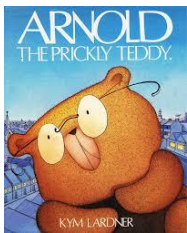
Ms Carol Hicks, Ms Corina Kapusta, Ms Alyce McConnell & Ms Lisa Vella, our Year 3/4 class teachers and Mrs Olive Chodowski our Religious Education Leader.

An additional Thank you to Ms Cathy Sims and Ms Valda Pedley for their preparation and organisation of our school choir who will lead the singing at the mass.

A special thank you to our choir members who attended the extra practices in preparation for this mass.

INSIGHT SRC SURVEYS:

Thank you to the 8 (out of 50) parents that have already completed the Insight SRC Surveys. A reminder that the online surveys close on Friday 24th August. Paper copies need to be returned to school in the sealed envelope by the same date. Thank you in anticipation.



Book Week August 20 - 24.

As part of the celebrations we have organised a number of enjoyable activities including:

MONDAY AUGUST 20

Dress up as your favourite book character and bring along the book with you.

We will have a **parade at 9:15am**. Parents are welcome to attend. Throughout the day, children will participate in a variety of activities based on the books nominated for awards. At **2:30pm** there will be a whole school assembly focusing on Book Week.

FRIDAY AUGUST 24

Kym Lardner, a well-known Australian children's author, will be visiting us. He will run three fun filled sessions involving storytelling, singing and drawing.

SCHOOL CLOSURE:

A reminder that our next School Closure Day is Monday 27th August. Staff will work with Mathematics expert Michael Ymer on this day. There is **No School** for the children on this day.



Friday 24th August is our next Walk/Ride to School Day. Come along in an active way and get house points as well. Walking, riding or scooting is a great way to start the day!

David Kelly
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2018 Sacrament Date

TERM THREE:

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST – SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST –

3PM



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * Our Year 3 students as they celebrate their First Eucharist this Sunday, 19th August.
- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- * Cucanic family (Erin in 5/6C) on the loss of her Great-Grandmother. May God watch over your family during your time of need.

First Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist You expressed your limitless love for us.

Thank You for giving our children the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time.

May your Eucharistic presence keep them fortified in faith, filled by love for God and neighbour, fruitful in virtue and may they continue to receive You throughout their lifetime.

Amen.



TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 20th August 2018

Monday:

Tuesday:

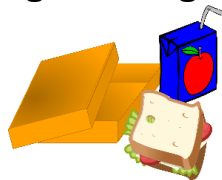
Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Paula Luppino

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



PARENTS AND FRIENDS:

MONSTER RAFFLE: SERIOUSLY LAST CHANCE If you have forgotten to **hand in your tickets** – make sure you get them to the school office **August 20 - NO LATER!!**. 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.



St.Mary's Foto Fundraiser 2018

Book a Session & Photo for Family Members
September Saturday 8th and Saturday 15th

A fun-filled family portrait session with local photographer and St Mary's Mum, Samantha Georgiadis. Check out Sam's Instagram account @GeorgiaGrafika for an example of her no fuss, candid style. Digital images make great Christmas cards, gifts for grandparents or family. Use them as screen savers, post on social media, or email to family far away. Best of all, you can have them printed & framed any size for your own home. To Book Email: merilynfisher@optusnet.com.au

FOTOFUNDRAISER

A fun-filled family portrait session with local photographer, and St Mary's mum, Samantha Georgiadis. Check out Sam's Instagram account @GeorgiaGrafika for an example of her no fuss, candid style. Photoshoot session including 2 high resolution digital images of your choice and a proof sheet of all images, should you wish to order more. Cost is \$35 per family. Spots are limited so book quickly. Digital images make great Christmas cards, gifts for grandparents or family. Use them as screen

savers, post on social media or email to friends and family far away. Get in quick – limited spots available. To book your session email: merilynfisher@optusnet.com.au



FATHERS DAY STALL – HELP NEEDED!

The Father's Day Wrap will be held on Thursday 30th August from 1.30 pm and the Fathers' Day Stall will be held on Friday 31st August between 9.00 – 11.00 am in the school hall. If you are able to help please see Helen McAvoy, or complete the google form available through the link with this newsletter email. We will need a number of helpers at the stall and would love to see you there!



2018 School Disco

The annual St. Mary's School Disco will take place on the last Thursday of term 3, the 20th September. This is traditionally one of the highlights of the student's school social calendar. Our students are supervised all evening by our amazing volunteers. Games and competitions will be run throughout the night and glow wear can be purchased at the canteen. Kids – make sure you write down your favourite songs on piece of paper and place it in the song suggestion box near the office to hear it played on the night.

GET READY TO BOOGIE!

Junior

Prep – Year Two Disco will be from 5.30 – 6.45 pm.

Senior

Year Four– Year Six will be from 7.00 – 9.00 pm

Year 3 has a choice to attend either the senior or junior disco

Tickets are \$6 each and you can book your tickets on Trybooking.com using the code:

www.trybooking.com/XDSX

Ticket sales will close at midnight Monday 17th September.

IMPORTANT:

Children's names will be checked off at the door so please make sure all parent emergency contact information is filled out on trybooking when purchasing your tickets. This must include a parent contact number at the time of the event.

Parents can collect their children from the disco via the McBain Street gate.

This event is organised and run by the P & F committee, to make it an **enjoyable** and most importantly **safe** night for your children we require lots of help!

Volunteers.....

We need your help!

Many hands make light work; we really need and appreciate your assistance on the night with set up, manning the door, supervising inside, drink station, first aid, glow wear sales and pack up both for the junior and senior disco.

Please email Jo McCall to register your availability at: jo_roberts16@yahoo.co.uk

- Set Up (1:45-3:00pm)
- Junior Disco (5:15 – 7:00 pm)
- Senior Disco (7:00 – 9:00 pm)
- Packing Up (9:00 – 9:30 pm)

Working with Child Check: Yes or No

Thanks!!!!



“FAMOUS” DISCO

This one is for the adults... our *social event of the year!!!!*

Saturday 27 October @ Koorringal Golf Club, 7pm - Midnight

So.....

- save this date in your diaries
- organise a group of friends
- get your costumes sorted!!!!
- Families and Friends of St Mary's welcome!

There will be a DJ, a photo booth to capture the hilarity, coin toss, raffle and much more.

TICKETS:

Early bird price \$30.00pp if bought by 20 September

Full price \$35pp from 21st September

(includes scrumptious gourmet finger food, glow sticks and drinks at club prices)

Tickets available at trybooking.com/SLIK

We would like to extend a very special thank you to the following very generous St Mary's Family Owned businesses for contributing to our disco:

Kristin and Ronnie Azzopardi – sponsoring the Photo Booth



Patrice and Jason Cassar – sponsoring the DJ



Jean Le Roux and Anna Pittas –sponsoring the Candy Bar



We are still looking for a business to sponsor our Coin Toss on the night. You would simply need to supply 3 premium bottles of spirits or champagne. Please contact Marelize (pmagius@bigpond.com) or Jo (jo_roberts16@yahoo.co.uk)

Included in the amazing raffle prizes :

2 night Farm stay at Coonawarra Farm Resort.

\$200 Santorini gift voucher

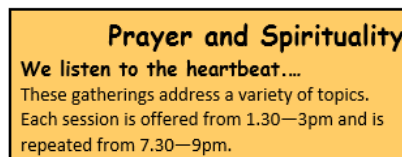
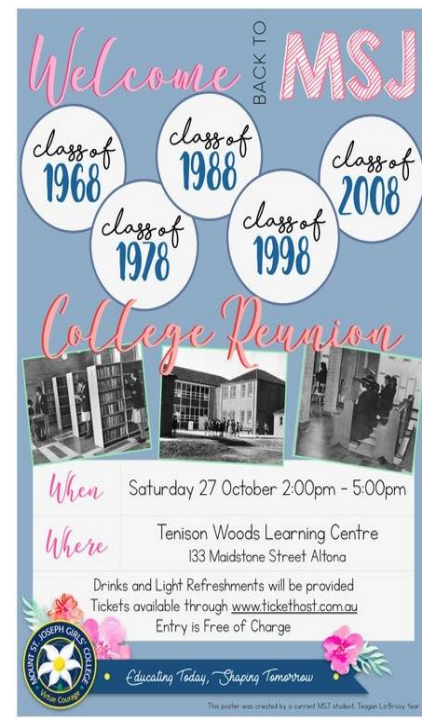
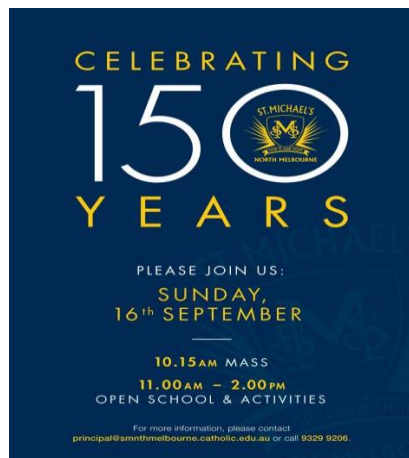
5 swimming lessons from Sweeney's Swim School

Hammamas Towels

Massage Voucher from Breeze Beauty

Dinner voucher from Stella Pizza

Don't delay get your tickets today!!



Listening to the Heartbeat of Those Desiring Recognition and Treaty.

Victoria has begun the process towards Treaty and negotiations are underway.
How can we endorse and support the process?

Venue: St Joseph's By The Sea Williamstown

When: Thursday 23rd August 1.30 to 3 p.m. and is repeated from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

Facilitator: Sherry Balcombe (Aboriginal Catholic Ministry) and Marianne Zeinstra RSJ



<https://www.vic.gov.au/aboriginalvictoria/treaty/treaty>

RSVP: before Wednesday August 22nd