

# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2019

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No. 26 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

Dear Parents

Last Saturday evening we had the first of our two First Eucharist Celebrations. The children were very reverent and obviously had an understanding of the importance of the occasion. Our second First Eucharist Celebration will take place this Saturday evening commencing at 6.00 pm. A reminder that the photographer will be in the hall from 4.30 pm. All children need to be in the hall by 5.30 pm for the group photo at 5.40 pm. Please keep the following children and their families in your prayers:

Ethan Agius, Skye Ahlgren, Xavier Azzopardi, Zara Azzopardi, William Bainger, Sophie Belton, Kayla Bond, Jackson Boyd, Amelia Callejo, Luca Devetak (Friday 9.15 am), Judah Didenkowski, Aaliyah Fallace, Kade Fenton, Lina Heffernan-Morales, Xavier Herd, Segolene Houlihan, Anderson Jack, Lorenzo Jimena, Jacquelyn Le, Isabelle Manguiat, Tiana Matina, Isabella Meddis, Finian Mercer, Aiden Mitchell, Mark Morda, Zoe Nisbet, Lexi Robertson, Mason Schembri, Elisha Shafik-Eid, William Slattery, Daniel Surbevski, Liam Teh, Cooper Thomas, Oscar Thomson, Ashley Torre, Nathan Torre, Ryan Tucker and Ruby Williams.

### STEM FAMILY NIGHT:

WOW! What a wonderful turnout by our families to the STEM Night on Tuesday. Over 80 families participated which is an amazing number considering we only have 189 families in the school. Thank you for your support and involvement. So many smiling faces, building bridges, making mazes, building rafts, driving robots to name a few. Congratulations to all our prize winners for the guessing games, passports and door prizes. The winners were:

### GUESSING GAMES:

*How tall is Rapunzel's Tower?* Lucas Giardina (5/6H) with a guess of 104cm (actual height 103.7cm).

*How heavy is the pumpkin?* Thomas Belton (Prep L) with a guess of 5.1kg (actual weight 5.06kg).

### PASSPORT Raffle winners:

1st Prize: Hicks Family

2nd Prize: Engler Family

### DOOR Raffle Winners:

1st Prize: Fischer Family

2nd Prize: Cowap Family

### AN UPDATE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST:

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Applications for the role of School Principal have now closed, however the Catholic Education Office has advised that we did not receive enough suitable applicants. After lengthy discussions with that office, they have suggested the position is re-advertised, at the moment, to re-advertise a Principal's position is a very common occurrence within the Catholic Primary sector.

However, Sister Anne Porter RSJ is not available for the second round interview dates so I have invited Sister Lorraine Robinson RSJ to join the Interview Panel in her place. Sister Lorraine works at Sacred Heart School in Newport (and lives in Newport) and used to be a member of the staff here at Altona.

Once again, I invite you to pray for the panel, the process, and the applicants.

Blessings,

Archpriest Michael Kalka

Parish Priest

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## SCHOOL REVIEW:

Late last term, our school participated in the National Schools Improvement Tool (NSIT) school review. All Catholic schools are mandated to participate in a school review every four years. There is also a Victorian Registrations & Qualifications Authority (VRQA) Compliance Review which we are required to pass with 100% to maintain our Registration as a school.

I am pleased to inform you that we did maintain our registration.

In terms of the NSIT Review, we were also very pleased with the findings and have started using the information with staff to guide our planning for the next four years and specifically, our Annual Action Plan for 2020. We are also discussing how parents can have a greater voice in this process.

The reviewers looked for evidence in each of the following 9 Domains and plotted us on a rubric at Low, Medium, High or Outstanding:

1. An explicit improvement agenda.
2. Analysis and discussion of data.
3. A culture that promotes learning.
4. Targeted use of school resources.
5. An expert teaching team.
6. Systematic curriculum delivery.
7. Differentiated teaching and learning.
8. Effective pedagogical practices.
9. School-community partnerships.

They also produced a list of: **Commendations** (excellent practice that is embedded throughout the school), **Affirmations** (excellent practice that was witnessed in the school) and five **Recommendations** (for school improvement moving forward). We have published these on our school website on the Home Page.

## FAMILY BUSH DANCE: THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Come along and join in the fun at the School Family Bush Dance!

**When:** 6 - 9 pm

**Where:** Emmanuel College, St Paul's Campus

**Entertainment:** Billy Tea Bush Band

**Food & Refreshments:** BBQ available for purchase / BYO Drinks

**Admission:** Gold Coin Donation

## FOOTY FUN DAY: - 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST



Wear your footy colours (gold coin donation please), face painting before school (50 cents), **Hot 'Pie' Lunch - Order forms were sent home last Friday** (go to the school website NEWS: Notes & Forms if you missed your copy) **and are due back on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**, competitions and giveaways....join in the fun!

## MONSTER RAFFLE:

Last chance to return all raffle tickets and money by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

## FOOTY TIPPING:

Congratulations to "Maureen" who correctly tipped all 9 winners last round. The jackpot this week is \$5.00. There are still 7 people within 4 of the lead with 2 rounds to go. Good Luck!

## REMINDER:

**Our next SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY is FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

This is the day after our Family Bush Dance.

## SCHOOL ABSENCE:

There is a link to the Absentee Form on our School Website, Home Page, just under the large photos - **"ABSENCES"**.



Congratulations to Bryanna & Dante, our July Aussie of the Month students. [Click here](#) to see their smiling faces and to read about why they are so wonderful.

## CONGRATULATIONS:

To Jett Porter, Year 5/6T who has been selected to represent Victoria in the Under 14 team at the National Ice Hockey Championships being held in NSW currently. Victoria was beaten by Queensland 6-1 in their first game yesterday but defeated South Australia 3-1 in their second game.

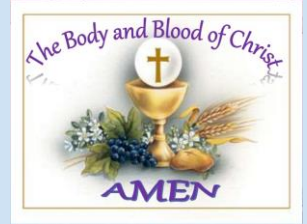
**David Kelly**  
Principal

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST – SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – 6 PM

#### Eucharist Reminders

- Photos will begin in the Hall from 4.30 pm,
- ALL children should be in the Hall by 5:40 pm for the group photo, regardless of whether they are having an individual photo.
- Mass commences at 6 pm sharp.
- Photo envelopes have been distributed at school this week.
- On arrival in the Hall, children will be given their stoles, booklets & pins.
- Families are expected to be seated in the church in their allocated pews well before the children process in.
- Families will be asked to leave a space at the aisle end of the pew for their child/children – who will process in at the beginning of mass.



#### 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.**

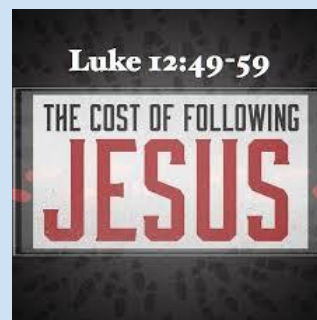


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#### Special Dates

**17<sup>th</sup> August, Eucharist: 6 pm**  
**17–23 Aug Children's Book Week**  
**19 Aug World Humanitarian Day**  
**19–25 Aug Migrant and Refugee Week**  
**20 Aug Memorial of St Bernard**  
**21 Aug Memorial of St Pius X**  
**22 Aug Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**24 Aug Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle**  
**27 Aug Memorial of St Monica**  
**28 Aug Memorial of St Augustine**  
**29 Aug Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist**  
**1<sup>st</sup> September Father's Day Mass 10:30 am Mary Help of Christians Church, Altona**

#### This weekend's Gospel



**Luke 12: 49–53**

*I have come not to give peace, but discord.*

#### Weekly Class Masses

**We look forward to  
SUNDAY 1st of September,  
when our school will lead the  
Fathers' Day celebration of the Mass at 10:30  
am.**



**We welcome you warmly to this event and  
would love to see you there.**

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- \* Our Year 3 students as they celebrate their First Eucharist this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> August.
- \* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.

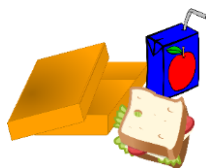


**"Let us thank God we are  
as we are." 1874**



## PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING August 12th, 2019

PREP D	Helen T for being a kind and caring classmate Angus R for his great sportsmanship when playing the vowel sound game
PREP L	Sophie M for her amazing recount about The Farm Austin B for his excellent participation at our farm excursion
YEAR 1/2D	Chloe A for working hard during reading rotations and improving her reading fluency Rebekah S for working hard during reading rotations and applying known strategies for tricky words
YEAR 1/2G	Ashton R for sharing his ideas and being respectful of others
YEAR 1/2S	Ronan N for adding detail in his writing pieces Michael C for being a kind and caring friend
YEAR 1/2T	Tina N for being a motivated and independent student Thomas Y for always striving to better himself in his love of learning
YEAR 3/4HT	Judah D for the enthusiastic way he challenges himself in Maths Shiloh C for her enthusiastic approach to reading activities
YEAR 3/4K	Astin K for his enthusiastic approach to reading activities Eilidh P for being a caring and courteous member of 3/4K
YEAR 3/4M	Isabella M for working hard on multi digit multiplication strategies Thomas H for his terrific teamwork during our Magnet Magic experiment
YEAR 5/6C	Jasmine D for the enthusiasm and effort that she brings to all class activities Lachlan M for his mature and responsible attitude towards all areas of his learning
YEAR 5/6H	Callum T for working well to timeframes and enjoying our scientific investigations
YEAR 5/6T	Dominic C for working hard to improve his reading comprehension by engaging in quality comprehension conversations Jett P for working well in Maths and reading groups to improve himself each week



### TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Friday: **Paula Luppino**

Manager: **Amy Xu**

Tel: 9315 0799



### ST MARY'S CHOIR NEWS:

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in bringing your children to the celebration of First Eucharist last Saturday. It certainly made the celebration joyful. For those who are bringing their children to this **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm** (and a special, huge thankyou to those who are bringing their children to both of the masses).

Here are a few important details:

- Your child can wear any clothes they like as they will be wearing their choir gown
- Your child will need to arrive at the **SCHOOL HALL at 5.40pm** to be gowned for the mass
- You DO NOT need to remain with your child for the mass, although you are more than welcome to
- The mass will finish at approximately 7pm, they will then remove their gowns, hang them up and will then be able to be collected from the hall.

If I have forgotten anything or if you have any other questions, feel free to contact me

[ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)

**Angela Hamilton**

**Performing Arts Teacher**



### EMMANUEL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS CLOSING!

It was great to see the strong interest in the College at last Saturday's Information Morning. A reminder that applications for **Year 7 in 2021 close Friday, 23 August**, and that applications must also be submitted for siblings of current students seeking enrolment.




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AND  
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[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wests-biggest-bootcamp-tickets-65390848789](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wests-biggest-bootcamp-tickets-65390848789)

 The Westgate Indoors Sports Centre,  
Altona North

 Saturday,  
August 31st 2019

 7:00 AM Registration  
7:30 AM Start / Ends 12 Noon

 \$25 Pre-purchased  
\$30 Date of event

Tickets include pre and post workout supplements, health show-bag, health market place, children's events and entertainment.

For more information please contact:  
Westgate Gym on 03 9369 6622



## Fundraising Dinner & Auction



WHEN

**Friday 30th August 2019**

Commences 6.30pm with canapés  
7.00pm soup

WHERE

Mount St Joseph Girls' College  
133 Maidstone St, Altona

COST

\$40.00pp (3 course meal, BYO drinks)

TICKETS

Call MMHC (03) 9926 9300

RSVP Friday 23rd August 2019

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## COMMUNITY FETE



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## Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club RECRUITING JUNIORS

(And their families)

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

**2019 FREE COME & TRY DAYS**

10am - 12 noon

Sunday 1 Sept | Father's Day

**Melbourne Ballpark**

Merton Street, Laverton

Sunday 15 Sept

**Greenwich Reserve**

The Strand, Newport

**BBQ AND DRINKS TO FOLLOW**

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

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