



# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2016

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Dear Parents

No. 27 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

Thank you to Helen Mc Avoy for her co-ordination of another very successful Father's Day Stall. There were lots of excited children around our school today very happy with their purchases and looking forward to Sunday. Thank you to the many parents that assisted Helen prior to the day and/or helped on the day.

### FATHER'S DAY MASS:

This Sunday at 10.30 am. we will join with the Parish in our annual Father's Day Mass. Thank you to Olive Chodowski (our Religious Education Leader) for her preparation and organisation of this Mass and to Angela Hamilton (our Performing Arts Teacher) for her organisation of the music and our school choir. All school families are invited to join us at this special celebration.

### INSIGHT SRC SURVEYS:

As explained in last week's newsletter some parents will have received a survey on Tuesday this week which they can choose to complete online or a paper copy. Both forms need to be completed by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Participation in this survey, while strongly encouraged, is completely voluntary.

### SCHOOL FEES:

School fees for the 2016 year need to be finalised by next Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. The **ONLY** exceptions to this are those families who have committed to a direct debit plan and those families who have seen me to make alternative arrangements.

If you are having difficulty with your fees, please contact the School Office as soon as possible to arrange an appointment to see me and discuss the matter. We are always able to come to some mutually agreeable arrangement.

### CONTACT DETAILS:

Recently, we have had a number of cases where we have been unable to contact parents when their child is injured or unwell. This is because contact details which have changed have not been notified to the School Office for entry into our administration database. Can I please ask that if you have changed your address or contact numbers this year, that you email the changes to Mrs Valda Pedley – [vpedley@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vpedley@smaltona.catholic.edu.au) as soon as possible. Thank you.

### OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September we are holding a Parent / Teacher Contact Afternoon from 3.15 pm. to 5.00 pm. It is an opportunity for parents to meet with classroom teachers to discuss issues related to their child and their learning.

**All parents DO NOT have to attend this meeting, only those who have a concern.**

Teachers wishing to see parents regarding their child's learning will contact parents to arrange a time on this afternoon.

Parents will need to make a booking online for all appointments. Go to our school website for a direct link. Click on Interviews or go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow the simple instructions.

**The SCHOOL EVENT CODE is: fafy6**

**Bookings are open and will close on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Please note** - Cathy Sims will not be available on the 12<sup>th</sup> September for interviews however an alternate date on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept has been organised. Prep S parents have received a letter explaining this and interviews have been organised on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September for those parents wishing to meet with Cathy Sims.



### CUPPA AND CHAT

Remember our next cuppa and chat is next FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER @ 9am in the staff room. We would love to see you there! Bring A Friend!

### FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION:

Thank you to everyone involved this year. \$350 is distributed in prizemoney and \$350 donated to the school. Congratulations to our 2016 winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - BPBombers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Ronnie Tucker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Dr. Foot. Your winnings can be collected from the school office.

### CONGRATULATIONS:

To Ruby Williams in Prep S on the recent arrival of Demi, a new baby sister.

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

David Kelly  
Principal.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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	2.30 pm.

### YELLOW DAY - SPRING INTO HAPPINESS AND KINDNESS



Thanks to everyone who wore a SPLASH OF **YELLOW** yesterday to help celebrate the beginning of SPRING and our **HAPPINESS AND KINDNESS** day. As we know doing small 'kindnesses' for others not only lifts their spirits, but also our own.

**"FIND HAPPINESS IN MAKING OTHERS HAPPY!" - Mary MacKillop**

**A special thanks to Ella and Isabella for organising the day.**

Come in and check out our Yellow Day board outside the staff room to see some photos and posters made by the classes.



Another reminder that all students should be wearing hats at school in line with our SunSmart policy. The uniform shop is open on Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons if you need to purchase a new one.



### WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL

Our next Walk / Ride to School Day is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

### Doing It Right

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

Prep S: Mason, Liam, Andy

1/2HK: Oscar

1/2D: Charlie

3/4M: Cooper, Ava, Lexie

3/4VH: Mia

3/4S: Nikita

5/6C: Olivia, Jade, Amelie

5/6L: Kate, Issabelle, Hannah, Jack, Matthew, Isla

For taking pride of the environment, being happy to keep the peace in the yard, picking up papers without being asked, helping someone, handing in money, willingly helping someone out and loads of other great things.

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### **TWO wonderful events to celebrate this weekend:**

- ❖ A special invitation for all families to attend our Parish celebration of Father's Day on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30am. A wonderful way to start the day and say thank-you to all our Dads and/or to remember and pray for all Fathers who may be sick or who have gone before us to rest in God. So let's gather as a parish community and say thank you to those special men in our lives.
- ❖ Also on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September at the Vatican, Pope Francis will declare Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta a Saint. She founded the Missionaries of Charity where she ministered to the sick and the dying in some of the poorest neighbourhoods in the world. We remember her today and her simple life of service. She continually answered God's call to serve others in whatever way necessary and she has touched the hearts of millions of people of all faiths.

**To all our fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and other special people;**

**May the blessings  
and love of  
Our Heavenly Father  
be yours in abundance  
on this Father's Day  
and always.  
Amen.**



**We thank you God for the gift of our dearest and newest Saint - Mother Teresa of Calcutta.**



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- \* *All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support*
- \* *All fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and other special individuals that the Lord will give them strength to be shining examples to their families of God's character and integrity.*
- \* *Mother Teresa of Calcutta on the day of her canonisation. She allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross to become a living flame within her, and so became the light of His love to all. We pray through her intercession, that all St Mary's families may radiate Jesus' light and love to others.*



**Social Justice News:** We are continuing to collect items for our Year 5/6 Social Justice stalls later this term. We are after books or toys (in good condition) that can be donated towards our senior stalls. Thank you to all those families who have already donated. Please drop off any items to Room 11 - Year 5/6C or the Office.

**Kate Ealem & Tahlia Sepsic** - Social Justice Leaders



1877

**"Let us rejoice and thank God for giving us  
such solid proofs of his love".**

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,

**~Olive Chodowski ~ REL**

**Monthly Holy Hour** – All welcome to share in our Holy Hour on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm** to pray for peace & reconciliation in the world. Rosary, Exposition and Prayers through the intercession of **ST. PIO** will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All Welcome.

## PARISH NEWS

### Parish Census: Weekend Masses - Sept 10/11 & 17/18

#### All invited to participate

It's been a number of years since we have had a proper census at St. Mary's. It is important that our Census is kept up to date so that we know who our parishioners are, who is still with us and who has left the parish. Over the weekends of **10/11<sup>th</sup> & 17/18<sup>th</sup> September** we will be distributing Census Cards to each family at all the weekend Masses. You will be given some time during Mass to complete your Census Card which will then be collected by the Ushers. If you are away on those weekends please collect a card from the Parish Office. Thank you for your co-operation.

**The Canonisation of Mother Theresa of Calcutta will be acknowledged at this weekend's Masses.** Mother Theresa's spiritual vitality can be described with these words. "Don't search for God in faraway lands. He is not there. He is close to you. He is with you. Just keep that lamp burning, and you will always see him. Her Canonisation falls on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**ALTONA CITY THEATRE's** latest production is 'The Wiz'

To purchase tickets for this great production please go to [www.altonacitytheatre.com.au](http://www.altonacitytheatre.com.au)

You may see a familiar face or two – some students past and present are involved!



### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016

PrepHM	Jackson Boyd
PrepS	Nathan Torre
Year 1/2HK	Eyob Tsegay
Year 1/2S	Jeremy Cassar
Year 1/2D	Stella Ligudzinski
Year 1/2G	Alyssa Tissani
Year 3/4M	Alana Vuleta
Year 3/4S	Julie Wakfer
Year 3/4VH	Raf Umana
Year 5/6C	Giles Mercer
Year 5/6L	Ethan Thorneycroft
Year 5/6M	Jazmin Dowd

### 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: **GREEN**

### TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> Sept



Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

Caroline Cassar

Rosemary Ciavarella's Mother

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



## ST. MARY'S CHOIR NEWS

After the beautiful singing at First Eucharist, St Mary's School Choir has been invited to lead the singing on Sunday, 4th September for our parish Father's Day Mass at 10.30am.

All members of the choir will need to wear dark pants and as they will be wearing the St. Mary's choir t-shirt, students should wear a top that the t-shirt can be worn over. I ask that all members be there 15 mins prior to the start of the mass. The ceremony should take about an hour

See you all on the weekend!!

Mrs. Angela Hamilton - Performing Arts Specialist

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



## JOSEPH'S CORNER

# TRIVIA NIGHT



Time: 7:00pm for 7:30pm

start – 11:30pm

When: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>  
October, 2016.

Where: St Mary's Primary  
School Hall, 118 Cecil Street, Williamstown

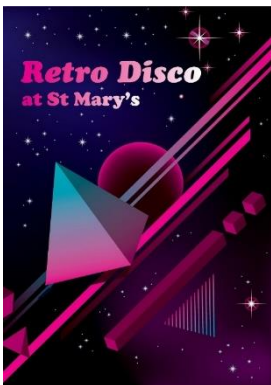
Cost: \$10 per person

Bring your own drinks and nibbles-looking forward to seeing you there!



**For bookings please contact Debbie Di Genova on either 9315 2680 or 0413 987 514**

**All money raised goes to Joseph's Corner - Joseph's Corner is a non-profit support service to families living with alcohol and drug addiction.**



## RETRO DISCO – Back to the 70s, 80s & 90s

Our major social/fundraising event of the year!

Grab your tix now for the Retro Disco on the 15<sup>th</sup> October

at Koorinal Golf Course. Buy your tix in the next couple of weeks and get one free wristband for unlimited access to the photo booth.

Tickets are now available through

[www.trybooking.com/MBPR](http://www.trybooking.com/MBPR)

Tickets are \$28.50pp and include finger food.

Drinks are at Club prices and \$10 cocktails.

Family & friends are welcome, so grab a group & get creative with 70s – 90s inspired outfits.

*A big THANK YOU to Emma Denys from Evolve Graphic Design for our posters*



## School Disco

**HURRY TICKET SALES FOR THE STUDENT'S DISCO CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT THIS THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER. Only 7 days to go till bookings close!**

Tickets are \$6 each book your tickets at [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) using the code <https://www.trybooking.com/MHFW>.

The Annual St. Mary's School Disco will take place on the last Thursday of term 3, 15th September. So everybody get ready to BOOGIE! This is traditionally a highlight of the students' school social calendar. The children are supervised all evening. Games and competitions will be run throughout the night and glow wear can be purchased.

We have had a few great song suggestions but we need more! Write down your favourite song and place it in the song suggestion box near the office to hear it played on the night.

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

**Senior:** Year Four – Year Six will be from 7.15 – 9.00 pm.

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

**We need your help!**

**Many hands make light work, to help make this an enjoyable event for all, we would really appreciate assistance on the night.** Could you please email [discokids@outlook.com](mailto:discokids@outlook.com) with your preferred volunteer duty:

- Set up (1.45 – 3.00pm) Junior Disco (5.15 – 7.00pm)
- Senior Disco (7.00 – 9.00pm) Packing Up (9.00 – 9.30pm)



# RETRO DISCO



The Retro Disco is not just a disco.

Oh no! It's our major fundraising & social night for the year. So, even if busting a move on the dance floor isn't your thing, there will be plenty to entertain you on the night, whilst supporting our school. We'll have a large seated chill out area to catch up with friends.

We will also have:

- ★ 3 Coin Toss competitions
- ★ A Wine Pull @ \$10 a bottle
- ★ Barrel of Balls @ \$5 a ball with awesome prizes
- ★ Brief Live Auction, featuring:
  - ★ a Chef for the Night from Santorini Restaurant to come to your house & cook a meal for 6, including all ingredients & a bottle of wine.
  - ★ Stay & Play package at Mildura Golf Resort, including 2 nights accommodation for 2 in a Fairway Room, full cooked breakfast daily, & one round of golf including cart hire for 2 adults.
- ★ Lolly buffet
- ★ Don't forget \$10 cocktails too.
- ★ Prizes for best dressed guy, girl & group costumes. Not into dressing up, then come as you like & have a giggle at those who do.


We're excited to announce we've already secured the following donations which will feature as prizes in the Barrel of Balls or in the Best Dressed competitions. We would like to thank these businesses for their generosity & continued support of St Mary's:

- ★ *Santorini Restaurant Williamstown*: Chef for a night
- ★ *Mildura Golf Resort*: Stay & Play package
- ★ *Luscious Lawns & Gardens*: \$200 gardening voucher
- ★ *Vet to Home*: \$100 vaccination voucher
- ★ *Playhouse, Arts Centre*: a Premium Family Pass (four tickets) to **El Kid** showing 22, 26 & 27 November
- ★ *Enchanted Adventure Garden*: Family pass
- ★ *2 Bros on Blyth*: \$50 gift voucher
- ★ *Koorungal Golf Club*: \$50 venue voucher
- ★ *WynCity Entertainment*: Passes and \$50 voucher
- ★ *Hammamas Australia*: 4 Hammamas Turkish cotton beach towels
- ★ *Anaconda*: \$25 gift card

## WINE PULL SPONSORSHIP

**We are looking for a business to sponsor the Wine Pull at The Retro Disco.** It will be promoted as your business' Wine Pull, e.g., *Smith's Wine Pull*. What do you need to do? Donate 30 assorted bottles of wine or sparkling wine.

Please contact Marelize ([pmagius@bigpond.com](mailto:pmagius@bigpond.com)) or Madeline ([madeline@madelinewishart.com.au](mailto:madeline@madelinewishart.com.au)) if you can help or for more info.




**ALTONA LITTLE ATHLETICS  
SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
PROGRAM**

**September 20-22, 3.30-5.30pm**

- ▶ Morgan Mitchell & Luke Matthews Olympians and Altona locals
- ▶ Photos & Autographs
- ▶ Fun Program & Activities
- ▶ Cost \$30 Per Child 3 x 2 Hour Sessions \$20 Siblings
- ▶ Connor Menadue AFL Footballer, Altona Little Aths graduate

**INFORMATION & REGISTRATION**  
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**WILLIAMSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**  
**Support your local VFL team!**

Designated Supporters Bays 15-17, Entry Gate 5

Qualifying Final  
 2pm, Saturday 3rd September  
 IKON Park - Royal Parade, Carlton North



**#WeStandAlone**

## From Emmanuel College...

### YOU ARE INVITED...

to attend a presentation focused on **developing resilience in school age children.**

The night will be conducted by Hugh van Cuylenburg the founder of the Resilience Project on behalf of Emmanuel College. The Resilience Project helps young Australians to be mentally healthy by inspiring students, empowering teachers and engaging parents. Hugh is an inspiring speaker who brings a powerful message for all.

**When:** **Thursday 8 September, 2016**

**Time:** **7.00 pm**

**Where:** **NOTRE DAME CAMPUS**  
**Bordeaux Building (Gathering Space)**  
**2-40 Foxwood Drive**  
**POINT COOK**

**RSVP:** **8325 5100**

*"I've never been so enthralled, engaged and inspired. I could have listened to Hugh speak all night...So grateful to the school for realising the importance of involving the parents in this wonderful program. My kids have not stopped talking about it!" (parent feedback)*