

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2019

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No. 27 23rd August, 2019

Dear Parents

A reminder that all outstanding School Fees are due and payable by Monday 30th September. The only exception to this is if you are on a Direct Debit Plan or you have entered into a confidential Payment Plan with myself.

All families will receive a current School Fee Statement early next week.

Please contact me at the school if you are having any difficulty settling your account and we can come to a mutually agreeable arrangement.

SCHOOL ABSENCE:

Please note: There is a link to the **ABSENTEE FORM** on our **School Website, Home Page**, just under the large photos - **"ABSENCES"**.

WELCOME:

To a new teacher on staff, Ms Melysa Cathcart. Melysa will commence on Monday and will work Monday - Thursday for the remainder of the year as a support teacher in the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 levels focusing on literacy and numeracy. Ms Corina Kapusta will continue this focus on Fridays.



FOOTY FUN DAY – 30th AUGUST

Wear your footy colours (gold coin donation), face painting before school (50 cents), competitions and giveaways....join in the fun! Special visitors and Footy activities throughout the day. "Hot lunch" – orders were due back today.



FATHERS DAY STALL – HELP NEEDED! - Friday 30th August

The Father's Day Stall set up will be held on Friday 30th August from 10.15 am and the Fathers' Day Stall will then be held after recess: 11.30 – 1.30 pm in the school hall. If you are able to help **please contact Jen Natale** (Gianluca 1/2D) on **0438 655 602** or respond to the Care Monkey note sent home earlier in the week.

We will need a number of helpers at the stall and would love to see you there!

STALL DETAILS - Gifts at the stall will range from \$1 - \$7. Children should bring their money in an envelope or purse separate from their gold coin for Footy Fun Day.

Please send along a bag for children to put their gifts in.

FATHER'S DAY MASS:

We will be celebrating Father's Day with our upcoming Parish / School Father's Day Mass on Sunday 1st September at 10.30 am. All welcome.



SUNSMART

It is time to get the hats out again in line with our SunSmart policy, which requires our students to wear their hats from the beginning of September (Monday 2nd September) to the end of April.

Check out the SunSmart link on our website for the latest weather and sun protection information.



YELLOW DAY - SPRING INTO HAPPINESS AND KINDNESS: MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

To celebrate the beginning of SPRING we are once again running our SPRING INTO HAPPINESS AND KINDNESS day. YELLOW is the colour we've chosen for the day and we would like everyone to wear a 'SPLASH' with their uniform. As we know doing small

'kindnesses' for others not only lifts their spirits, but also our own.

Keep in mind the quote from Mary MacKillop to guide you along the way: "FIND HAPPINESS IN MAKING OTHERS HAPPY!" St. Mary MacKillop - 1899

We are asking everyone to think about how they can Spring into Happiness & Kindness and how they can help others to do the same right through September.

What actions can you do to spread some HAPPINESS AND KINDNESS around amongst family, friends and the wider community?

FAMILY BUSH DANCE: THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

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

When: 6.00 - 9.00 pm

Where: Emmanuel College, St Paul's Campus, McCoy Hall, 423 Blackshaws Road, Altona North.

Entertainment: Billy Tea Bush Band

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

Admission: Gold Coin Donation

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:

Friday 6th September is our next School Closure Day. Staff will be working with Ms Jeni Wilson on Inquiry Learning.

OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

These will take place on Monday 16th September

Please click on the Interviews Icon on our website and follow the simple instructions.

The School Event Code is: emvz8

If you are not available on the allocated date please contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually suitable time. Online bookings are open now and will close on Friday 13th September at 3pm.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Jett Porter (Yr 5/6T) who represented Victoria in the Under 14 team at the recent National Ice Hockey Championships held in NSW. Jett performed extremely well. The Victorian team finished third with a bronze medal. Well Done Jett.

David Kelly
Principal



PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 19th August, 2019

PREP D	Alexis O for always putting detail into her writing and checking for punctuation
PREP L	Tyler T for being focused during class discussions and independent work
YEAR 1/2D	Claudia E for being an excellent and kind role model within our classroom
YEAR 1/2G	Ava S for her great efforts in Reading and Maths
YEAR 1/2S	Naya R for her great contributions to class discussions
YEAR 1/2T	James S for his excellent liturgy reading during our school mass
YEAR 3/4HT	Lexi R for her great reading efforts and support of others in her group
YEAR 3/4K	Isaiah H for his enthusiastic attitude during all tasks
YEAR 3/4M	Gabby L for her terrific "can-do" attitude during our STEM incursion
YEAR 5/6C	Alana V for being a responsible school leader and a positive role model
YEAR 5/6H	Stella L for her resilience when facing challenges Julie W for her committed approach to learning
YEAR 5/6T	Gigi F for her mature approach and resilience when facing challenges

TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 26th August, 2019

Friday:

Antoinette

Manager: Amy Xu

Tel: 9315 0799

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Special Dates

27 Aug Memorial of St Monica

28 Aug Memorial of St Augustine

29 Aug Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist

September: Month of Prayer for the Care of Creation

1st September Father's Day Mass 10:30 am

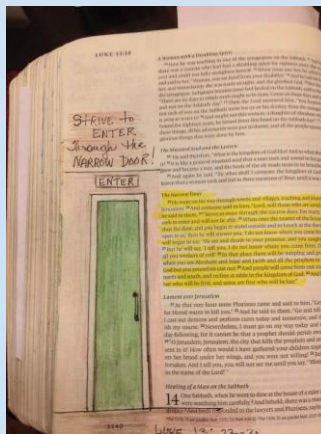
Mary Help of Christians Church, Altona

1-7 Sep National Child Protection Week

3 Sep Memorial of St Gregory the Great

8 Sep International Literacy Day

This weekend's Gospel



Luke 13: 22-30

From east and west they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

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:

* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.



"Do all you can to assist and love one another."

1890

Father's Day Invitation

A special invitation for all St. Mary's families to attend our Parish celebration of Father's Day on Sunday 1st September at 10.30am. A wonderful way to start the day and say thank you to all our Dads/Grandpas/Uncles etc. and to remember and pray for all fathers who may be sick or who have gone before us to rest in God's care. The choir will be singing and the school will be responsible for the offertory and prayers of the faithful. So, let's gather as a parish community and say thank you to the wonderful men in our lives.



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KIDS \$12 ENTRY

10 AM TO 3 PM

UNLIMITED ACTIVITIES

FACE PAINTING ★ PETTING ZOO
JUMPING CASTLE ★ POPCORN ★ FAIRY FLOSS
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RAFFLE PRIZES ★ CRAFT ACTIVITIES ★ GAMES

GIZMO THE GREAT MAGICIAN

89 BLYTH ST, ALTONA



What's on September, 2019

16 Esplanade Williamstown

9397 6012

5th September

Let's Be Crafty

10 am till Midday

A mixture of teaching new skills and BYO craft offered monthly.

Donations welcome



14th September

Earth Rituals—Carmel Cramerl rsj and Margie Abbott, rsm

1 pm to 3 pm

Earth rituals and prayers help us to celebrate the interconnected-ness of all that is. A ritual is created out of participants' reflections, ideas, thoughts, actions and poetry.

BYO lunch to share.



12th September

Joy of the Gospel—Mary (Luke 1:39-50)

7.30 to 8.30 pm

(Year C—Year of Luke) Lectio Divina prayer, praying the scriptures contemplatively as living word for us all today will be held on Thursdays from 7.30—8.30 p.m..

Cost **Free**

All Welcome.



A 'Jesus Mafa' Painting

18th September

Ecology—Focused Shift in Consciousness.—Carmel Cramerl, rsj.

7.30 to 8.30 pm

What do we mean by the New Cosmology?

We invite your participation in conversation, discovery and awakening as we look at the new world view of our times using up to date YouTube clips, readings and other stimulus material.

Cost **Free**



26th September

What is God Asking of Us in Australia At this time. What Moves Us?

1.30 p.m and

Repeated at

7.30 p.m

What is God asking of choirs or musicians at this time?
How can music or choirs in our liturgies help us respond this Question?

- ♦ Jan Maine and
- ♦ Angela Pezzano



RSVP 2 days prior to any session would be appreciated