



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2016

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HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!!



Dear Parents

No. 29 16th September 2016

The 'wet and windy inside day' yesterday ended with lots of energy being expended at our **Annual School Disco**. Going by the shrieks of laughter and fever-pitch noise everyone had a fantastic time. Thank you to Erin Morgan, Penny Ealem, Garry Hills, Marilyn Fischer and the other Parents & Friends Committee helpers, as well as the many other parents who assisted with the set-up, supervision, selling and or pack up & clean up.

A fantastic time had by all. Check out our Facebook page to see some photos.

Congratulations and thank you to all our Year 5/6 students for the outstanding job they did in preparing for and organising our **Social Justice Fundraising stalls** which were held during the week despite the terrible weather! Thank you also to their parents for supporting and assisting them in this very worthy cause. We have raised \$2394. What a fantastic effort! This money will be presented to our local St. Vincent de Paul Society next term to assist with their work in our local area. Thank you to the teachers (Mrs Olive Chodowski, Mrs Mithen and Ms Loft) for their assistance in helping to organise the children, and their extra supervision before school, at recess and lunchtimes. Finally thank you to all the other children, parents and staff who assisted in making this such a success by purchasing from the stalls.

Divisional Athletics

Congratulations to Michelle N, Mickayla N, Madeline M and Lachland G who competed at the Divisional Athletics Carnival yesterday. (Apologies Lachland for leaving you off the list last week.) Michelle came 6th in triple jump and Madeline came 4th in 200m. Lachland came 2nd in Long Jump and Mickayla came 2nd in discus. Both Lachland & Mickayla will go on to compete at the Western Region Championships in October.



Walk / Ride to School Day

Unfortunately our Walk / Ride to School day got rained out on Wednesday.

Come along in an active way on Thursday 27th October, our next Walk / Ride to School day.

If you can help out by supervising a Walking School Bus this term please let me know.

mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

St Mary's Sports Day is on Friday 4th November.

We need mums, dads, big brothers or sisters, aunties, uncles and grandparents to help make it a success.

If you are able to help for all or part of the day could you **please submit the Google Form linked to this newsletter email**.

Any further questions please email Tim Lappin (tlappin@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)

Just a reminder that we move to wearing our **Summer uniform in Term 4**. Come along to the first assembly which will be run by our school captains. They will run their usual fashion parade which will feature the Summer uniform.

It's been a big term!

I hope everyone has a safe, restful and enjoyable time over the next two weeks.

Margaret Masseni
Acting Principal

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PRINCIPALS AWARDS 12th Sept 2016

PrepHM	Mark Morda
	Zoe Nisbet
PrepS	Amanial Tsegay
	Liam Ten
Year 1/2HK	Aiden Long
	Jessica Le
Year 1/2S	Samuel Pelns
	Astin Kirk
Year 1/2D	Lexi Roberston
	Isabelle Cassar
Year 1/2G	Thomas Azzopardi
	Mia Jesaulenko
Year 3/4M	Lachland Green
	Shawn Pendlebury
Year 3/4S	Thomas Williams
	Tyson Dobbyn
Year 3/4VH	Hannah Ealem
	Eliza Pelns
Year 5/6C	Tahlia Sepsic
	Isabelle Cassar
Year 5/6L	Maria Nguyen
	Nicolina Shute
Year 5/6M	Ava Roberston
	Faith Kissassi

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: **BLUE TEAM**



Condolences to the Appleby family, Isobelle (PrepS) whose Great Grandfather, Sid sadly passed away recently.

IMPORTANT DATES.

3/10	School Captains Assembly	2.30pm
5/10	P&F meeting – Staffroom	7.30 – 9pm
7/10	Year 3 Sovereign Hill Camp	
20/10	Year 3/4 Excursion to Polly Woodside	
25/10	School Closure Day (First Aid training)	
28/10	Red Day for Child Safety (Day for Daniel)	
31/10	School Closure Day	
1/11	Melbourne Cup Day	
3/11	Prep Breakfast (Hall)	8.00am – 9.00am
4/11	School Sports Day	
10/11	Getting A Good Start	2.45pm – 3.15pm
11/11	Remembrance Day	
15/11	GAGS	2.45pm – 3.15pm
17/11	GAGS	2.45pm – 3.15pm
21/11	Walk to School Day	
	Swimming Prep / Year 1/2 21st, 22nd & 23rd	11.00am – 3.00pm
22/11	GAGS	2.45pm – 3.15pm
24/11	GAGS	2.45pm – 3.15pm
25/11	Year 5 Big Day Out	
	Prep 2017 Group Interviews C/room	9.00am – 11.00am
28/11	Year 6 Transition Day	9.00am – 1.30pm
	Swimming Prep / Year 1/2 28th, 29th & 30th	11.00am – 3.00pm
30/11	Prep Open week	9.00am – 10.30am
1/12	Art Spectacular	6.00pm – 8.30pm
5/12	Swimming Prep / Year 1/2 5th, 6th & 7th	11.00am – 3.00pm
7/12	Prep 2017 Orientation Day	9.00am – 10.45am
8/12	Prep 2017 Orientation Day	9.00am – 10.45am
13/12	Walk to School Day	
	Year 6 Graduation Mass	6.00pm – 7.00pm
	Year 6 Graduation Dinner - RSL	7.30pm – 10.00pm
16/12	End Of Year Mass	9.15am – 10.15am

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EDUCATION IN FAITH

❖ SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2017

Confirmation: Term 3. Friday, 18th August 2017 at 7pm.

Reconciliation: Date T.B.A. (Probably Term 1)

First Eucharist: Date T.B.A. (Probably Term 2)



The logo and the motto for the Year of Mercy use the parable of the *Good Shepherd* for inspiration. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out even one lost sheep and returns it to the fold. *Merciful Like the Father* invites us to show forgiveness, love and mercy to others in the same measure that God shows them to us. God's love has no limits. In the logo, note that the Good Shepherd, carries humanity on his shoulders, but the eyes are merged. Christ sees with our eyes and we see with his. This reminds us that Jesus is found in the faces of those we serve and that in serving, we begin to look a little more like Jesus. Let us go forth with hearts full of mercy and compassion.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support
- * A safe and happy holiday time for all school families.



Social Justice News

A **BIG** thank you to all families and friends who donated towards our Social Justice stalls. A **VERY BIG** thank-you to our Year 5/6 students, their families and our staff who worked very hard over three days to raise awareness of and money for our local St Vincent de Paul Society. Special thanks to Mrs. Pedley for counting and counting and counting all our notes, coins and coins and coins!! We raised the magnificent total of ...

\$2,394.60

Kate Ealem & Tahlia Sepsic

-Your hard working Social Justice Leaders.

We do this because as Mary MacKillop says below, we all need to:

"Seek first the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard".

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 1900



~Olive Chodowski ~ REL



Twilight Open Evening

Thursday 6th October
3.00pm - 7.00pm

Register online at
www.msj.vic.edu.au



MSJ

We are currently accepting applications for 2017, 2018 and 2019. Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au or Ph: 8398 2007. Year 7, 2018 - Some parents may be aware that a number of schools have decided to not adhere to the dates prescribed by Catholic Education Melbourne and have brought the application dates forward to August/September 2016.

We wish to assure parents that girls in our feeder Catholic Primary Schools are our highest priority.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Please be advised that applications to MSJ close 17th February 2017.

Year 7, 2019 Applications to MSJ close 25th August

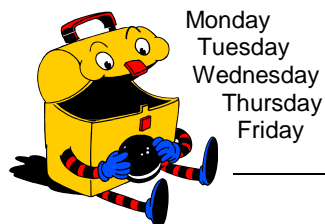
MSJ Open Morning – 9.30am – 10.30am (Thurs) 12th Nov 2016



It was great to see the strong interest in the College, and to welcome such a large number of visitors at last Sunday's Open Day. Our outstanding facilities, and the range and quality of work on display, underlined the impressive opportunities for growth and learning available to the young women and men of Emmanuel. A reminder of the following closing dates, in 2017, for Year 7 applications:

- Year 7, 2018 – applications close 17 February 2017
- Year 7, 2019 – applications close 25 August 2017.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 3rd October 2016



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Marylinda Abate

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

Meditation & Mindfulness

Composed of gentle exercise, breathing & mindful walking leading into silent meditation.

Suitable for beginners & experienced meditators.

Learning to become present to the moment.

Led by...Clara Rizzi (Bach Ed, Grad Dip Religious Ed., Grad Dip.

Student Well Being, Grad Cert. Guiding Meditation)

- Five sessions
- Williamstown Community Education Centre, Rm1, 14 Thompson St, Williamstown, 3016
- 9:30 – 11:30am
- Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th October & 8th Nov
- Cost : Gold coin donation

Contact@josephscorner.org.au Ph: 9315 2680



Join us at Joseph's Corner



Venue: Joseph's Corner - Cnr. Campbell and Bellin street

Laverton Tel: 9315 2680 contact@josephscorner.org.au

Time: 12:30pm to 3:00pm

Date: Tuesday 11th, 25th October and 8th, 22nd November

Cost: Gold coin donation

Group Leader: Vivienne Decleva

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**Parish Census
Week-end Masses
Sept 10/11 & 17/18
All invited to participate**

St Mary's Parish Altona Facebook Page is here!

Our official page is: St Mary's Parish Altona.

You can find it easily by typing **@stmarysparishaltona** into the search bar in Facebook.



Select "Like" on the page to make sure you get all our updates.

If you want to use the "Check in" option when visiting the church, please use: **@stmarysparishaltona** to find the right location.

St. Mary's Music Ministry News

Next Mass :

Sunday 25th September (10:30am Mass)

Next Rehearsal: Saturday 22nd October
(2-4pm)

New Members Welcome!

Fr Shabin will be away on annual leave from Sunday 18th September to 17th October, 2016. Please keep him in your prayers while he is away visiting his family in India. Fr. Kerry Cronan, a retired priest will be looking after the pastoral needs of the parish and celebrating all Masses during Fr. Shabin's absence, except for Tuesday 20th to Thursday 22nd September when there will be a Communion Service.

WILLIAMSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
Support your local VFL team!
CASEY SCORPIONS VS WILLIAMSTOWN
PRELIMINARY FINAL
2.40pm, Sunday 18th September
North Port Oval, Port Melbourne



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RETRO DISCO

Did you have fun at the 2014 or 2015 Cocktail Party? Well then The Retro Disco night is for you. **Not into busting moves on the dance floor, no probs!** We have heaps of other fun planned for the night. **Dressing up not your thing – that's cool, come casually.** It'll be a great, cheap night out with friends whilst supporting & raising funds for our school. We have:

- ★ A **DJ** specialising in hits from the 70s to the 90s, sponsored by *Bradrod Building Services*
- ★ Lighting effects
- ★ A **Photobooth**, sponsored by *Ray White Laverton*
- ★ The **Doggydoll Wine Pull**: \$10 a bottle, with a \$50 local restaurant voucher hidden with a bottle.
- ★ **The Budget Tyres Sunshine Coin Toss Series**
- ★ **Disco Ball Bonanza**: \$5 a ball, or 5 for \$20 with over 20 awesome prizes
- ★ **Lolly Buffet**
- ★ \$50 local restaurant voucher EACH for the **Best Dressed Guy & Girl**; \$25 local restaurant voucher for each member for the **Best Dressed Group**.
- ★ Very brief **LIVE AUCTION**, featuring:
 - ★ *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 2 Night package* at *Mildura Golf Resort*
 - ★ A night in the best room at any of *The Captain's Retreat* boutique accommodations (B&B, apartments or cottages), including a fully cooked breakfast.

So don't miss out & grab your tix <https://www.trybooking.com/MBPR>

We would like to extend a very special thank you to a number of our families who have made special contributions to our Retro Disco this week.

Thanks to the **Alves Family** (Senan in 1/2G) & their business **Doggydoll Mobile Grooming** www.facebook.com/doggydoll.com.au for sponsoring or enter **Doggydoll Wine Pull** & donating 30 enticing mixed bottles of wine.

Thank you to the **Azzopardi Family** (Zara in Prep HM) & their business **Budget Tyres in Sunshine** www.facebook.com/budgettyressunshine for sponsoring our Coin Toss competitions. They have very generously donated 3 premium bottles of alcohol for our **Budget Tyres Sunshine Coin Toss Series**



Thanks to the **Nancy Machado, Lauren Johnson, Alicia Threatt** for donating loads of ping pong balls for our *Disco Ball Bonanza*. We really appreciate it.

This week we'd like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations. These will be featured in our **Disco Ball Bonanza**:

- ★ *Bezirk Café*: \$50 Voucher
- ★ *HIIT You Fit*: 5 pass voucher for Meta Fit or Kettlebell classes for either the Altona or Williamstown Classes
- ★ *Nu Energy Body Therapy*: Voucher
- ★ *South Bay Eco Adventures*: Voucher for 2 Adults aboard a 90 min. Discovery Tour valued at \$170
- ★ *Sovereign Hill*: Family pass for 2 adults & up to 4 children, valued at \$136
- ★ *Tyrrell's Pharmacy*: \$50 Voucher



Like our Facebook page for updates, donations, costume ideas & prizes
<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysAltonaRetroDisco2016>

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