

# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2019

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**No.2 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

**Dear Parents**

This year our school is due for its four yearly School Review. In preparation for this our first **School Closure Day will be Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Out of School Hours Care will operate on this day if there is sufficient demand. Please contact Camp Australia if you require this service.

### **SWIMMING TRIALS DATE CHANGE**

Due to a double booking made at Bayfit Swim Centre, next week's final trial session will now be on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 7am to 8am**. Parents have also been notified of this change via Caremonkey. Apologies for the inconvenience, if you have any concerns please email Tim Lappin: [tlappin@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tlappin@smaltona.catholic.edu.au) or contact via school office.

### **SPECIALIST PROGRAMS:**

Physical Education, Performing Arts & Creative Arts lessons commence next, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

**Children need to wear their Sports uniform on the following days:**

**Preps: Mondays**

**Yr 1/2 D & S: Mondays**

**Yr 1/2 G & T: Tuesdays**

**Yr 3/4 HT, K & M: Wednesdays**

**Yr 5/6 C, H & T: Tuesdays & Fridays**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Next Friday you will receive some important school information. Please read it carefully and perhaps keep it somewhere obvious where you can refer to it throughout the year. It will also contain some information relevant to your child/ren's class eg class teacher's email contact, library borrowing day, show & tell arrangements, lunch orders, homework etc. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you require any further clarification.

### **OPENING SCHOOL MASS & BBQ:**

This is traditionally one of the highlights of the school year. It begins with mass in the church at 6.00 pm. Our new Preps will sing a special Reflection song after Communion. All families and friends are then invited to join the staff for a BBQ in the school grounds. Please mark this date in your diary.

### **PARENT NIGHT: Michelle Curmi (Psychologist)**

As you would have read in last week's newsletter, Ms Michelle Curmi has been engaged by the school to provide psychological support to both children and families this year. Michelle will run a parent night on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 7 – 8pm at which she will speak not only about her services but also about Anxiety in general, the effects it can have on children in this day and age and some strategies for coping with it. More information about the specifics of the evening, along with an expression of interest, will be sent via Care Monkey next week. Child minding will be available.

### **PREP & YEAR SIX BUDDY FAMILY NIGHT:**

This will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 6.00 - 8.00 pm in the area outside the school hall. Bring your own food and rug. Beer, wine and soft drink can be purchased on the night. Prep and Year Six families will receive a Caremonkey notification today. Please respond so we can let your buddy know if you will be there.

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### 2019 Sacrament Dates



#### TERM ONE:

**Confirmation: – Rite of Commitment Masses weekend:**

**2 March 9:15 and 6 pm**

**OR**

**3 March 8:30 and 10:30 am**

**Confirmation: - Family Workshop:**

**Tuesday 5th March. School Hall: 5 pm OR 7 pm**

**Confirmation: - Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, at 7 pm (Week 1 of Term 2)**

*(The Sponsor must be a baptised Catholic over the age of 16)*

### Prayer to pray as a family



Dear Lord,

Keep our family safe with  
your unfailing care, that,  
relying solely on the hope of  
heavenly grace, we may be  
defended always by your  
protection.

Amen

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

### Special Dates

**Feb 1- 7** is World Interfaith Harmony Week

**5 Feb** Memorial of St Agatha

**6 Feb** Memorial of St Paul Miki and his Companions

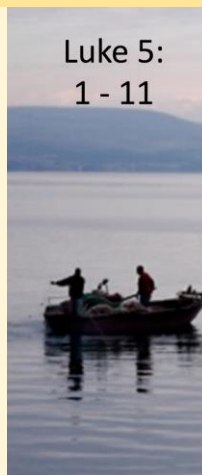
**8 Feb** International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human  
Trafficking (Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita)

**11 Feb** World Day of Prayer for the Sick

**13 Feb** Anniversary of Apology to Australia's Indigenous People

**14 Feb** Memorial of Sts Cyril and Methodius

Luke 5:  
1 - 11



One day as Jesus was standing by  
the Lake of Gennesaret, the  
people were crowding around  
him and listening to the word of  
God. <sup>2</sup> He saw at the water's  
edge two boats, left there by the  
fishermen, who were washing  
their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of  
the boats, the one belonging to  
Simon, and asked him to put out  
a little from shore. Then he sat  
down and taught the people  
from the boat.



## PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019

PREP D	Dante B for his fantastic listening and effort in class
PREP L	Austin B for being a good listener on the mat
YEAR 1/2D	Chloe A for being a kind friend and approaching all tasks with a positive attitude
YEAR 1/2G	Charlotte S for being an enthusiastic and helpful student
YEAR 1/2S	Rafael F for his great efforts with writing a detailed recount of his holidays
YEAR 1/2T	Samuel P for showing initiative and care in his work and interaction with others
YEAR 3/4HT	Segolene H for her great start to Year 3
YEAR 3/4K	Cooper T for displaying great independence and settling into Grade 3
YEAR 3/4M	Lina H for her enthusiastic start to the year at St Mary's
YEAR 5/6C	Aidan L for his positive start and showing initiative as a senior student in his new classroom
YEAR 5/6H	Lily S for her positive mindset and helpful approach to the new school year
YEAR 5/6T	Tom E for demonstrating independence and initiative throughout the week

## TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Monday:

Tuesday:

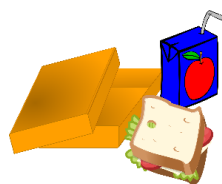
Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

**Manager: Amy Xu**

**Tel: 9315 0799**



Our Tuckshop operates at recess and lunchtime each day of the week.

Any parents that could assist in the tuckshop either on a regular or ad hoc basis would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school office if you are able to assist. Tuckshop list and prices are on the school website.



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Doutta Galla West are looking for school aged mums to join our team working in the community assisting the elderly with spring cleaning, declutters and ongoing services. We are willing to train on the job. You are required to have a current care licence and a car. You must have compassion, be respectful and non-

judgemental as we enter into all different types of environments. Employed on a casual basis and available to work Monday to Friday 2 to 4 hrs per day depending on the roster. If interested, please contact Trudy Grima on 03 9689 0744 for more information.

**Trudy Grima**

Community Coordinator



### UNIFORM SHOP

**In 2019 the uniform shop will be open: Monday 8.30-9.00 am and Wednesday**

**2.30-3.00 pm**

With Term One being a relatively short term, we are turning our attention to winter uniforms. To ensure that we can order in a timely manner for Term Two, please visit the shop to order your winter uniform. For those that are unable to make it to the shop, the order forms will be available on the School Website, News, Notes & Forms next week. These can be sent through to [stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com). Payment can be made via direct deposit or cash in an envelope dropped off to the school office. Uniforms once ordered and paid for will be sent home in your child's school bag. If the sizes are not correct, and the labels are still attached, return them to the office with a note and contact number, and we will endeavour to correct it for you.



# ASHES to EASTER



## CONCERT-REFLECTION with PETER KEARNEY

A prayerful sequence  
of songs and stories  
on  
Lenten and Easter themes.

**Tuesday 2nd April  
7.30-8.30pm  
Mary Help of Christians  
Church  
97 Railway Street North  
ALTONA  
\$5 at door**

The program includes traditional / contemporary Easter carols and remarkable songs by the great English songwriter, Sydney Carter (who wrote 'Lord of the Dance'). The concert program is mainly for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy it.



Peter Kearney has made music his full time work and ministry since 1982. His earliest songs 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes' are internationally known. 'This is Our School' has been adopted as a school song by hundreds of Australian schools.

Peter has the special gift of making the stories and message of Jesus relevant to our modern daily life." (Val Patterson MSC)

Website: [peterkearneysongs.com.au](http://peterkearneysongs.com.au)



## QUICK STIX LACROSSE

CATCH & THROW, GIVE LACROSSE A GO!

ONLY  
**\$50**  
FOR 5 WEEKS  
REGISTER  
NOW!



Club Name: Newport Ladies Lacrosse Club Location: PJ Lynch Reserve, Altona Nth

Start Date: Monday 18/2/19 Contact: Jackie Bowyer - 0414397128

Visit [www.quickstixlacrosse.com.au](http://www.quickstixlacrosse.com.au) now to register

## Give your child a *different* kind of education



Our school  
specialises in  
**FOCUS,  
DISCIPLINE,  
CONFIDENCE  
& RESPECT**

We know school is important.  
Children need to know how to  
read, write, add and subtract.  
We also know that children need  
focus, discipline, confidence and  
respect. Our certified instructors  
will not only help your child in these  
areas but also keep your child  
healthy through exercise.

**Times**  
Children and Adult Classes Available  
Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

**Classes**  
Little Ninjas (4-7 year old)  
Juniors (7-14 years)  
Adults (15 years onwards)

**FOUR  
FREE LESSONS** **FREE UNIFORM**  
(Conditions Apply)



QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
62 Everingham Rd, Altona Meadows

Contact Sensei Vince Brogna  
on 0417 157 761

**OPEN DAY**  
Saturday 9th February  
1pm

Check our club at  
[www.shindokarate.com.au](http://www.shindokarate.com.au)

## Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of  
learning to play  
GUITAR or KEYBOARD  
here at St. Mary's.

Creative Music for Schools  
conducts a music program  
here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one  
lessons of up to 30 minutes give chil-  
dren an excellent grounding in music  
where they will learn to read music  
and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$17.00 per lesson and  
enrolments are now being accepted for  
limited places in term 1, 2019.

Interested parents should call Brenda dur-  
ing office hours on 9818 2333 or email  
[brenda@creativemusic.com.au](mailto:brenda@creativemusic.com.au)

**Creative Music**  
[www.creativemusic.com.au](http://www.creativemusic.com.au)



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

