



St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents,

No. 31 12th October, 2018

Welcome back to Term Four hopefully everyone had an enjoyable and restful break over the previous two weeks. Although every term seems to be getting busier and busier it is certainly the case for Term Four as you'll see as you read further.

Welcome back to David & Corina, who will return from Long Service Leave on Monday 15th October & Tuesday 16th October.

"Child Safety Day" Friday 26th October

WEAR a SPLASH of RED to show your support for highlighting the importance of Child Safety.

In the coming weeks we will be learning about the importance of safety in our classes and highlighting some of the following messages...

We ask that you reinforce these with your children.

- We have **rules to protect** us, our homes, our friends and our community.
- When playing sports, visiting friends or going to the beach or shops, it's important to **remember personal safety. Remember to tell someone**, where you are going, who you are with & more.
- **Be alert** for the clues that warn us when something is unsafe. These clues can be as simple as smelling smoke which warns us there is a fire or a lock down alarm at school.
- **If you feel scared, confused, sad or upset you need to REACT.** This could even mean breaking a rule, like smashing a window to escape a fire or screaming "NO" to an adult.
- **Tell an adult in your life who cares about your safety when there is a problem.** It's adults who can keep you safe from harm and who can make a situation safe again for you.
- Most children and teenagers have or will soon have access to social media and **staying safe online has never been more important.**



BOOK FAIR IS HERE!

The Scholastic Book Fair has arrived. This week, the students have had a chance to preview the books with their class. Books, posters and other stationery items will be on sale next week. This is a great opportunity for families to buy some good books at decent prices - and help our school to receive books for our library, classrooms and Literacy programs. Last year, we were able to choose many books as our commission on sales!

Date: Monday 15th - Friday 19th October

Time: 8.30-9 am and 3-4 pm each day (No Book Fair sales on Friday 8.30 – 9am due to Prep Breakfast.)

Place: School Hall

CONGRATULATIONS:

To the following Year 5/6 students who represented our school in the Inter-school Sport Divisional Softball & Volleyball Championship this week.

Volleyball Girls: Katie M, Julie W, Olivia C, Monae S, Chloe Z, Sienna T, Grace M, Gigi F, Bianca S & Olivia M
Volleyball Mixed: Gab M, Daniel A, Jacob Y, Shawn P, Shannon W, Alana V, Caitlyn K, Rachel C, Keiana C & Kiani H.

Softball Girls: Anna A, Mia A, Gabriel A, Gemma D, Caitlyn G, Samantha K, Ciara O'C, Lily S, Bryanna W & Ava Z.

Both Volleyball teams came 3rd and the softball team won!!! Congratulations!



WALKATHON 2018

"The Parents & Friends would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations for our 2018 Walkathon: Sweeney – Altona/Altona Meadows, All West Bin Hire, Proficient Packaging, Dreher Legal, The Athletes Foot, Rebel Sport, Officeworks – Altona, IGA – Altona, Chilly Billy Ice, Enchanted Adventure Garden, Adventure Park Geelong and Puffing Billy. These amazing sponsors have made our prizes this year fantastic!

Check out your sponsor book and the end of this newsletter for all

the prizes up for grabs in the raffle – we have gone big this year....

The Walkathon will be held on the 26 October coinciding with a "Day for Daniel-Keeping Kids Safe", 11.30 – 1.30 pm and on the school premises. Please encourage your kids to wear a splash of red. We welcome all parents to attend as it is so great to see the whole school walking around the course – an impressive sight. The 400 meter course is set up around the school and the children walk for an hour- some of our students even opt to run the course!! The younger years typically manage between 5-10 laps which fill them with tremendous pride. Parents are welcome to join in and offer their children support to keep going. You don't have to walk for the whole hour, just when you want. All walkers will also receive Super Dooper Icy poles during the walkathon (max. 2) and a mini Chuppa Chup at the end.

Sponsorship forms were handed out on the last day of Term 3. If you missed your copy, you can download one from the school website: NEWS: Notes and Forms.



WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Our next Walk / Ride to School day is Thursday 18th October. Walking School Buses will run on that day. **Please complete the Google form via the link on our newsletter email.**

We need supervisors for both buses but especially the Mc Intyre Drive bus, so please consider whether you can help us out.



AUSSIE of the MONTH: September

Congratulations to our September Aussie of the Month students: Bridie, Maddison and Jacquelyn. [Click here](#) to see their smiling faces and the reasons why they are so great!



PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 8th October 2018

PREP D	Harry McCall for his improved efforts in tuning out distractions and making better choices
PREP S	Tia Azzopardi for her positive attitude towards her learning
YEAR 1/2G	Ava Reismanis for her hard work and having a go at everything
YEAR 1/2S	Tashana Edwards for her great effort with her writing
YEAR 1/2D	Aiden Mitchell for a very descriptive and imaginative haiku
YEAR 3/4M	Thomas Hicks For his quiet dedication to all class activities
YEAR 3/4HK	Mia Jesaulenko for being an organised and conscientious worker
YEAR 3/4V	Isabelle Cassar for being a kind and thoughtful class member
YEAR 5/6C	Sienna Tanti for her positive attitude to learning and presenting work to a high standard
YEAR 5/6L	Nicholas Christodoulou for his enthusiastic start at St. Mary's
YEAR 5/6H	Isla Manton for her consistent positive attitude towards all aspects of learning

EMMANUEL COLLEGE NEWS

Best wishes to our Year 12s as they commence their final weeks of classes, following the practice exam program conducted over the term break and to those completing Language Oral and Performing Arts external assessments. Well done to students who will represent the College in this term's Junior and Intermediate ACC Chess tournaments and Cricket, Tennis and Volleyball competitions.

Wishing you a very relaxing and happy weekend!

Marg Masseni
Acting Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH



*"God is truly good to us all."
[1873]*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



Altar Servers Invitation

Dear parents/guardians,

I would like to invite all children in Years 3 to 6 who have made their First Communion to consider becoming an Altar Server at Mary Help of Christian's Parish, Altona. I would like to encourage you to allow your son or daughter to join in this very special service. It will take **their time** and **your commitment**. However, it will be a beautiful way for your children to express their active participation in the life of the Church and learn how to become more responsible members of their school and parish community. As part of their training your child will "shadow" one of the current more senior level Servers in order to gain a better sense of this Ministry.

I hope you consider my invitation and share it with your children.

If you are interested please see Mrs Chodowski for a form request.

Altar
Servers



Thank you,

Archpriest Michael Kalka

Term Four Prayer:

Lord God,

you are our beginning and our end.

As we begin the last term of our 2018 school year,

help us to give of our best.

The term will soon be over so we need to make the most of every day.

We pray especially for our Year Six students as they complete their time at St Mary's.

Help all of us to work together and give us the strength and courage to do what is right so that we will enjoy a productive and happy term.

We make this prayer in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.



Open Mornings 2018

We invite you to join a student-led tour, meet the Principal and see dynamic learning in action in the classrooms.

Visiting time:
9:15am - 10:30am

Dates: 15 March, 19 April, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November

Women who *believe*, women who *lead*,
women who *challenge*, women who *inspire*

Register online at www.msj.vic.edu.au | 133 Maldstone Street Altona | 8398 2000



WALKATHON 2018

FOR EVERY \$20 COLLECTED, CHILDREN GET A TICKET IN THE RAFFLE DRAW FOR THESE GREAT PRIZES. RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE HANDED OUT AFTER THE WALKATHON FOR FAMILIES TO SUBMIT WITH THEIR MONEY.

Some of the awesome prizes up for grabs:

Nintendo Switch \$449



IPAD



3 x \$100 The Athlete's Foot Vouchers



Geelong Adventure Park - Double Pass



2 x \$200 EB Games Vouchers



Skateboards



3 x \$50 Kids Gift Cards



Passes to Enchanted Adventure Garden
& Puffing Billy Family Ticket



2 x Garmin Fitbit Kids Watches



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"FAMOUS" DISCO

This one is for the adults... our social event of the year

Saturday 27 October @ Koorinal Golf Club

7pm - Midnight

Come dressed as someone famous or your famous self!

Tickets available at www.trybooking.com/SLIK

Tickets \$35

includes scrumptious gourmet finger food, glow sticks, photo booth access and drinks at club prices

So, organise a group of friends, get your costumes sorted and save this date in your diaries... Families and Friends of St Mary's welcome! There will be a DJ, a photo booth to capture the hilarity, raffle and much more.

Thank you to the following sponsors:

- Proficient Packaging – DJ Sponsor
- Budget Tyres Sunshine and Holeshot Motorcycle Accessories and Dirtbike Wreckers – Photobooth Sponsor
- Jean Clean and Funtabulous Affairs Event Management – Candy Buffet Sponsor
- **Coonawarra Farm Resort 2 night stay (Major Raffle Prize)**
- **Santorini Restaurant \$200 (Major Raffle Prize)**
- **Mildura Golf Resort Stay & Play Package (Silent Auction, over \$300 value)**
- Breeze: Massage Voucher
- BirdCage Dinner Voucher
- Hammamas Towels
- Mosaic Restaurant: 2 Dinner Vouchers
- Stella Pizza: Dinner Voucher
- Wildberry Flowers & Gifts Hamper
- Altona Dry Cleaners Voucher
- NV's Medispa Nail & Skin Clinic: Full Body Massage
- NV's Medispa Nail & Skin Clinic: Spa Pedicure
- Sweeney Swim School 5 Lessons
- Melbourne Road Health Group Chiropractic Consultation & Wheat Bag

Parent Disco

PARTY
Like you have no kids

DANCE
like nobody needs you

DRESS
Fabulous & FAMOUS!!

Best-dressed prize!

"Coin Toss"

Courtesy Bus !!

Saturday 27 October
7pm - midnight
Koorinal Golf Club

Major raffle prize:
2 nights at
The Coonawarra
Farm Resort
for up to 6 people

Early Bird tickets \$30pp Book by Sept 20
Regular price \$35pp
Bookings thru www.trybooking.com/SLIK
Gourmet finger food included
Theme: Famous People - cartoons, musicians, movie....

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Motorcycle Accessories

Proficient Packaging P/L

Coonawarra Farm Resort

Budget Tyres

Jean Clean

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This Amazing night Proudly Sponsored By

Welcome BACK TO MSJ

class of 1968 class of 1988 class of 2008
class of 1978 class of 1998

College Reunion

When Saturday 27 October 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Where Tenison Woods Learning Centre
133 Maidstone Street Altona

Drinks and Light Refreshments will be provided
Tickets available through www.tickethost.com.au
Entry is Free of Charge

Educating Today, Shaping Tomorrow

This poster was created by a current MSJ student, Tegan LaBrosse Year 8

SWEENEY

Proud Platinum Sponsors of

Animal Farm
Rides
Games
Spinning Wheel

Movie Cars
Food
Stalls
Art Show
And more!!

QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH PRIMARY

FETE IN THE MEADOWS
19 OCT 2018

Friday 19 October 2018
3pm to 8pm
62 Everingham Road, Altona Meadows

Our Gold Sponsors:

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ALTONA CITY SOCCER CLUB

GIRLS SPRING PROGRAM AT ALTONA CITY SC

6 week program for girls aged 7-15
6 - 7:30pm Tues & Thurs from 9 Oct

Register interest at
<https://form.jotform.co/82343901755862>
Enquiries: altonacitysoccerclub@hotmail.com

Hobsons Bay Libraries

Diwali Festival of Lights
Storytime and craft

Date Tuesday 29 October
Time 4pm to 5pm
Where Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre
Bookings via the Library website or 1300 HOB LIB / 1300 462 542

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is an ancient Hindu festival which signifies the triumph of light over darkness.
Come dressed in your traditional Indian costume, if you have one, for this joyous celebration featuring Diwali inspired storytime and craft for five to 12 year olds.

A family friendly event, everyone is welcome.

