

# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2019

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Dear Parents

**Well the end of Term 3 is here at last and what an exciting term it has been.**

As we look back we've experienced our Bush Dance, our Social Justice stalls and Footy Fun Day, Mary MacKillop Feast day, Mary Help of Christians Feast day and the highlight of the school year, Grandparents Day. The staff have participated in Professional Development with Jeni Wilson about the Inquiry Process, Richard Leonard about Religion in our context today and Andrea Downie about Staff Wellbeing and Positive Education. The students have worked together on STEM projects and expanded their knowledge in the area of Digital technologies. We've been sporty, we've been mindful, we've been prayerful. We've celebrated together, we laughed together and we've learnt together. **What a wonderful community we are!**

**Thank you to each and every one of you; you have contributed so much to make our community such vibrant one! Term 4 won't be any less busy I'm afraid but just as much fun!**

Look out for the following events...

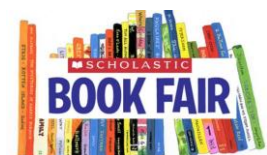


### WALKATHON

Come and walk with us on Friday 25th October and raise funds for our school and the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. The Parent's and Friends Committee has committed to donating \$500 from this year's fundraising tally to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Sponsor Books were sent home today.

Check out the last page of this newsletter for our list of sponsors....THANKS TO THEM ALL.



### BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

Scholastic Book Fair is coming back next term to St. Mary's. At our first assembly we are hoping to have a children's book special guest. There will be opportunities that first week for children to browse the Book Fair with their class teacher to see the great reading for sale. The Fair itself will open for sales during the second week of term.

When: Monday 14th October - Friday 18th October

8:30 - 9:00 am and 3:20 - 4:00pm each day

Where: St. Mary's School hall

Watch out for some great competitions, with fantastic book prizes! More information coming next term.



### RED DAY for CHILD SAFETY – Friday 25th October

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

Early in Term 4 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.
- 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.

**WELCOME** Catherine Thorneycroft to our staff. Catherine will be taking on the role of Canteen Assistant on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in Term 4. Catherine was a volunteer in the canteen for a number of years while own children were at St. Mary's. She has continued in the volunteer role ever since.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to ex-student Mila Fanjek, who has been chosen to be a House Captain at MSJ in 2020. Well done Mila.

Please see Care Monkey for a notification from Fr Michael.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS IN TERM FOUR:**

**Week Five: Monday 4th November. (Monday before Tuesday's Melbourne Cup Public Holiday).**

I hope all our school families have a restful and enjoyable break over the next two weeks.  
School resumes for Term Four on Monday 7th October.

Marg Masseni  
Deputy Principal

**TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2019**

Friday: Paula Luppino  
Manager: Amy Xu Tel: 9315 0799



**EMMANUEL COLLEGE NEWS:**

Well done to our Year 9 girl's soccer team on their victory in the SACCSS grand final and to Year 9 premier league teams on winning the Year 9 SACCSS aggregate trophy. Congratulations to our senior debating team on reaching the final 8 of the A grade DAV competition. We enjoyed welcoming Marian College to the annual Year 10 Social for very enjoyable evening. Best wishes to students and staff who head to the NASA space camp in Florida over the term break.

**LOST KEY???**

If anyone is missing a car key, please come and enquire at the school office as one has been handed in.



**PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 16<sup>h</sup> September, 2019**

PREP D	Kobe M for eagerly participating in whole-class activities
YEAR 1/2D	Samara F for working hard and problem-solving while constructing her pet treat feeder
YEAR 1/2G	Ruby M for adding detail to her writing to make it more interesting
YEAR 1/2S	Claudia J for her fantastic effort with her reading
YEAR 1/2T	Gracie B for being a focused, hard-working and helpful member of 1/2T
YEAR 3/4HT	Mason S for his great commitment to developing his reading skills
YEAR 3/4K	Lorenzo J for working hard to improve his handwriting
YEAR 3/4M	Oscar F for taking risks in his learning when writing poetry
YEAR 5/6C	Jacob B for being a motivated and enthusiastic sport participant and a fair team player
YEAR 5/6H	Jess L for his mature and productive approach to learning
YEAR 5/6T	Joshua M for his excellent organisational skills, enthusiasm and passion at the Social Justice Stalls



**STEM Sundays – Various Dates:**

In pairs of one adult and one child, participants will work together to build skills in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths).

All workshops take 90 minutes and numbers are limited for each session. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults are not charged for the workshop. Entry to the museum is required (entry is always free for Museum Members).

**Lego Robotics & Coding Ages 7-12, Storytelling with Scratch Jr Ages 5-7, Beginners Robotics for Adults 18+**

Ticket prices vary between workshops from \$25 to \$40.

**Bookings and enquiries: 13 11 02**

[Museumsvictoria.com.au/scienceworks](http://Museumsvictoria.com.au/scienceworks)

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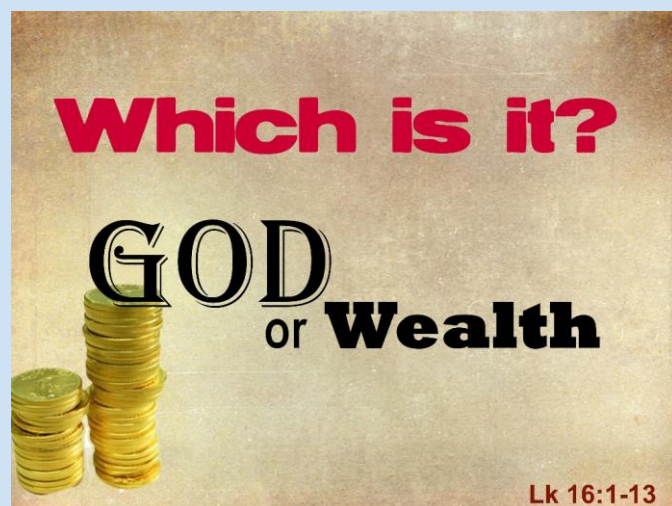
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## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### End of Term Three Prayer:

We thank you Lord, for Term Three. For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends. Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith. Help us to appreciate what others do for us, and to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family. Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for Term Four. We thank you for our classmates, staff members, parents and a community that cares for us. May we always be conscious of you in our lives. Amen.

### *This weekend's Gospel*



**Luke 16: 1-13**

*You cannot be slaved of both God and of money.*

### Weekly Class Masses

*We look forward to Friday the 11th October, when Year1/2S will lead the celebration of the Mass at 9:15 am..*



*We then look forward to Thursday 17th October, when Year 1/2G will lead the celebration of the Mass at 9:15 am.*

*We welcome you warmly to these events and would love to see you there.*

### Special Dates

**September: Month of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

**21 Sep** Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

**21 Sep** UN International Day of Peace

**27 Sep** Memorial of St Vincent de Paul

**27 Sep** AFL Grand Final Holiday

**30 Sep** Memorial of St Jerome

**October: World Mission Month**

**1 Oct** Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

**2 Oct** Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

**4 Oct** Memorial of St Francis of Assisi

**7 Oct** Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary



**"God loves generous souls.  
Let us try to be the generous ones"**  
(1881)

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- \* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- \* Safe and peaceful holidays for all students, staff and families.



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