



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, ALTONA

NEWSLETTER 2016

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Dear Parents,

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We will welcome Mr. Kelly back from Long Service Leave this Monday. Look out for him and have a chat about his wonderful holiday.

Child Safety has come to the forefront in education circles this year following the Ministerial Order No. 870, which highlights the importance of keeping all children safe from harm. Just like all other Catholic and Government schools, St. Mary's will be working towards complying with standards set by the government, which will show our commitment to providing a safe and nurturing culture for all students and young people in our care. Over the coming weeks and into 2017 we will provide you with information about each of the seven standards and what each means for our school community.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter on Friday 28th October, we will be holding our **RED DAY FOR CHILD SAFETY** to highlight the importance of keeping our children safe.

We remind you to reinforce the safety messages in last week's newsletter with your children.

As you would know, a high number of children and teenagers have access to social media and **staying safe online has never been more important**. Please be extra vigilant when your children are online. It is so easy for them to write and receive things that are inappropriate. A reminder too for all parents that the legal age for signing on to Facebook is 13.

The Victorian Police Legacy has produced a Child Safety Handbook. It aims to raise awareness about the risks to children and the steps that can be taken to protect them and keep them safe.

These handbooks are available for collection from the school office. Books can only be collected by adults.

GOOGLE FORMS

Today we have **three Google forms available through links in our newsletter email**.

Walking School Bus – 27th October / 23rd Nov / 13th Dec.

School Sports Helpers – 4th Nov

Bunning BBQ Helper – 20th Nov

Please support the school and its wonderful initiatives.

PREP – 2 SWIMMING NOTES

...were sent home this week. Please look out for yours and return the permission note to your child's teacher ASAP. N.B. Either sport or school uniform can be worn on swimming days.

P & F DISCO

What a wonderful night!!! Thanks to the organisers of the evening and those who came to help set up and clean up afterwards. Lots of fun had by all. See a full report later in this newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend

Marg Masseni (Acting Principal)

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)

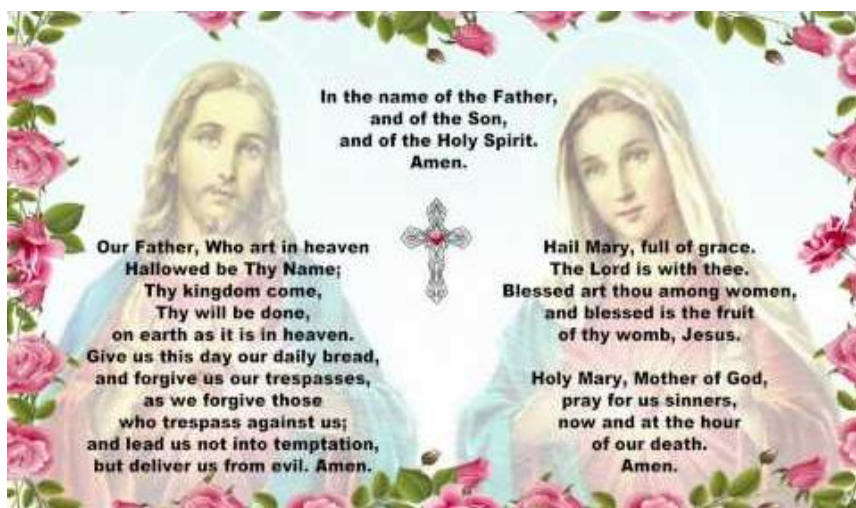
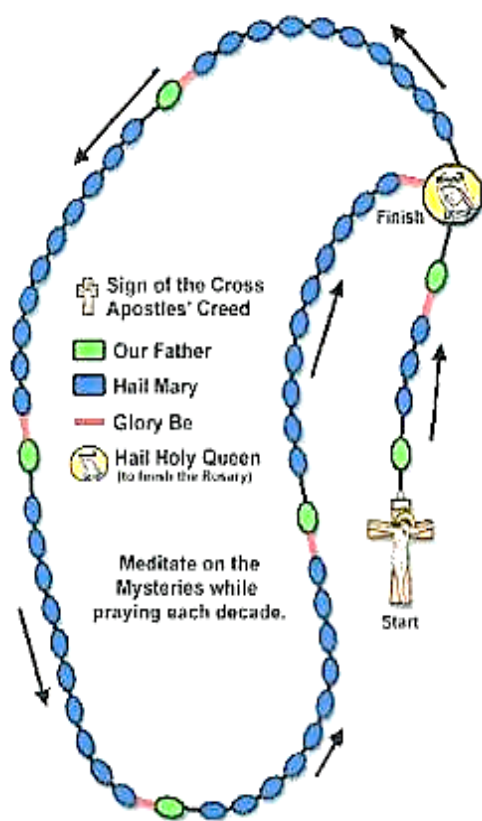
During the month of October, the focus of the Catholic Church is on the Rosary.

The Rosary is a way of prayerfully listening to the life of Jesus – it's a story!

The Rosary is a way of pondering some of the most joyful, illuminating and tragic as well as glorious moments of Jesus' life. These moments are called 'mysteries' because there is too much meaning in each episode to grasp in one hearing.

It is also a prayer that is deeply connected with the life story of Mary of Nazareth, who was an ordinary woman whose personal story became intertwined with God's story.

PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY



*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen*

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

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**





PRINCIPALS AWARDS 17th October 2016

PrepHM	Leyla Fenech
PrepS	Sedale Threatt
Year 1/2HK	Eyob Tsegay
Year 1/2S	Gisella De Luca
Year 1/2D	Jack Brkljacic
Year 1/2G	Amelia Papal
Year 3/4M	Cooper De Bono
Year 3/4S	Lily Sattout
Year 3/4VH	Gab Manguiat
Year 5/6C	Amelie Walby
Year 5/6L	Alannah Briffa
Year 5/6M	Mila Fanjek

IMPORTANT DATES.

24/10	Year 3/4VH Class Assembly	2.30pm
24/10	Year 1/2D & 1/2S Excursion to Rippon Lea	
25/10	School Closure Day (First Aid Training)	
27/10	Walk or Ride to School Day / Walking School Bus	
	2017 Prep Information Night	7.30pm
28/10	Red Day for Child Safety (Day for Daniel)	
	Year 1/2G & 1/2HK Excursion to Rippon Lea	
31/10	School Closure Day	
1/11	Melbourne Cup Day	
3/11	Prep Breakfast (Hall)	8.00am – 9.00am
4/11	School Sports Day	
7/11	School Captain & Guitarist Assembly	2.30pm
8/11	Getting A Good Start	2.45pm – 3.15pm
10/11	GAGS	2.45pm – 3.15pm
11/11	Remembrance Day	
14/11	Year 3/4M Class Assembly	2.30pm
15/11	GAGS	2.45pm – 3.15pm
17/11	GAGS	2.45pm – 3.15pm
18/11	Walkathon	
21/11	Advent Liturgy Week 1 Year 5/6C	2.30pm
	Swimming Prep / Year 1/2 21 st , 22 nd & 23 rd	11.00am – 3.00pm
22/11	GAGS	2.45pm – 3.15pm
23/11	Walk to School Day / Walking School Bus	
24/11	GAGS	2.45pm – 3.15pm
	Prep 2017 Group interviews c/room	9.00am – 11.00am
25/11	Year 5 Big Day Out	
	Prep 2017 Group Interviews c/room	9.00am – 11.00am
28/11	Year 3/4S Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Year 6 Transition Day	9.00am – 1.30pm
	Swimming Prep / Year 1/2 28 th , 29 th & 30 th	11.00am – 3.00pm
30/11	Prep Open Week Wed 30/11 Thurs 1/12 & Friday 2/12	9.00am – 10.30am
1/12	Art Spectacular	6.00pm – 8.30pm
2/12	Advent Liturgy Week 2	2.40pm
5/12	Year 5/6M Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Swimming Prep / Year 1/2 5 th , 6 th & 7 th	11.00am – 3.00pm
7/12	Prep 2017 Orientation Day	9.00am – 10.45am
8/12	Prep 2017 Orientation Day	9.00am – 10.45am
9/12	Advent Liturgy Week 3	2.30pm
12/12	School Captain & Staff	2.30pm
	Advent Liturgy Week 4	2.30pm
13/12	Walk to School Day / Walking School Bus	
	Orientation Day Year 1-6	
	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
	End Of School Year	3.20pm



TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 24th October 2016

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Cynthia Bitaks

Thursday

Friday Paula Luppino

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799



Our WALKING SCHOOL BUSES will run on all of our Term 4 WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAYS.

Thursday 27th October

Wednesday 23rd November

Tuesday 13th December

Bus 1: Cnr Esplanade and Sargood St (beach side of road)

Bus 2: Cnr McIntyre Drive and Civic Parade (North Side of Civic Parade)

Which bus will you be catching?

Please complete the Google form linked to today's newsletter email.

DOING IT RIGHT

Well done to the following children who have been seen doing some great things around the school.

1/2HK: Keyon'Dre, Zali

3/4VH: Olivia, Gab, Chloe, Rafael, Caitlyn

5/6L: Alannah, Kate, Aiden, Isla

For handing in money, helping Mrs Hicks, helping someone, solving a problem well and loads of other great things.



LIFE TO THE FULL

**Emmanuel
College**

Date 17 October 2016

Congratulations to the outstanding group of senior students commissioned at this week's assembly as College Leaders for 2017. They provided powerful reflections on how the Marianist identity, and related symbols, of the College informed their

leadership in committing to their roles of service. It was also exciting to welcome to our recent information evening the parents of our 2017 Year 7s – the Class of 2022!

St Joseph's by the Sea

What is on in October?

16 Esplanade Williamstown



Day Retreat – Sunday 13th November, 10am – 4pm

The Universe Story

Facilitator: Margie Abbott rsm

Cost: by donation BYO lunch

Prayer & Spirituality Day – Thursday 17th November, 1.30pm – 3pm; 7.30pm – 9pm

Celebrating Julian Tension Woods

Facilitator: Carmel Jones rsj

Cost: by donation

Day Retreat – Saturday 26th November, 11am – 3pm

Praying Mary's Song

Facilitator: Therese Quinn rsj

Cost: by Donation BYO lunch





Thank you to everyone who attended The Retro Disco at Koorinal Golf Club last Saturday night. Whilst a lot of parents, staff & sponsors combined to create this night, it was ultimately ALL OF YOU who made it a HUGE success. It was fantastic to see our community all out together, dressed up, dancing & sharing an hilarious, fun night out together.

We would like to say a HUMUNGOUS thank you to one of our new Prep Mums – **Marelize Agius (Ethan in Prep HM)** – who organised the Retro Disco. So much work goes into planning a night like this & Marelize took it all on with enthusiasm.

Thank you to Liam & Ava's Dad **Adrian Denys** who did the most brilliant job entertaining us & keeping the DJ on his toes as our MC for the night. **Anthony Molinia** (Samuel & Sebastian's Dad) generously acted as our charismatic auctioneer for the 3rd year running. Thanks to his talents we received a fantastic \$925 from the 3 Live Auction items, with the Chef for a Night from Santorini going for \$600!

We'd also especially like to thank the following school families for their incredible generosity:

- ★ **Henry & Fiona Da Silva** of **Ray White Laverton** for sponsoring the Photobooth
- ★ **Jeff & Andrea Herd** from **Bradrod Building Services** for sponsoring our DJ
- ★ **Susana Alves** from **Doggydoll Mobile Grooming** for sponsoring our Doggydoll Wine Pull
- ★ **Kristin & Ronnie Azzopardi** from **Budget Tyres Sunshine** for sponsoring our Budget Tyres Sunshine Coin Toss Series.

Due to these donations, aside from the cost of catering, we made a brilliant profit of **\$3129.24** which will go directly back to St Mary's.

The effort that you all put into your costumes was truly outstanding! We'd like to announce that the winners for The Best Dressed Competitions were:

- ★ **Best Dressed Group: The Austin Powers Crew**
 - **Erin Boyd** as Fembot extraordinaire
 - **Damien Boyd** as supervillain Dr Evil
 - **Justine Nelson** as the glamorous Felicity S
 - **Ian Nelson** as the HUGE Mr Big (his stage name is not quite appropriate for the school newsletter)
 - **Craig Williams** as the hysterical Austin Powers
- ★ **Best Dressed Girls: The hysterical girls from Ab Fab**
 - **Jacinta Ramsay** as blonde bombshell Patsy Stone
 - **Katrina Haby** as the irrepressible Edina Monsoon
- ★ **Best Dressed Guys:**
 - **Ben London** as the most phenomenal Freddie Mercury
 - **Oliver Perry** who totally rocked the dance floor as Michael Jackson

Whilst we're on prizes, we'd like to thank **Adrian Denys & Nick Didenkowski** for running the 3 Coin Tosses; they were a lot of fun & raised considerable funds. The winners were:

- ★ Chivas Regal: **Matt Thomas**
- ★ Vodka: **Katrina Haby**
- ★ Moet: **Anthony Molinia**

The Retro Lolly Buffet was a massive hit & was completely devoured on the night. Thank you to **Sandra Camilleri** for setting it up so beautifully.

A warm thank you to all the volunteers that helped on the night:

- ★ Thank you to **Sandra Camilleri, Erin Boyd, Andrea Herd, Emma Denys, Marelize Agius, Madeline Didenkowski.**
- ★ Our bubbly door attendants **Emma Denys & Andrea Herd** for welcoming everyone as they arrived.

- ★ The Sales Table Attendants: **Cheri Steen, Marilyn Fisher, Trish Moore, Andrea Herd, Erin Boyd, Emma Denys, Diane Howell, Marelize Agius & Madeline Didenkowski** & our little helpers **Xavier & Angus Herd, Lila Boyd & Gemma Deller** for arriving at Koorinal on Saturday afternoon to set everything up.
- ★ **Nick Didenkowski** for capturing the hilarity of the night in all the fantastic photos, which can all be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysAltonaRetroDisco2016> along with all the photos from the Photo Booth.
- ★ Thank you to our treasurer **Cheri Steen** for handling all the financial aspects of the event: pre, post & during; & for **Nick Didenkowski** for assisting with the counting at the end of the night.



The entries for the Walkathon Poster Competition closed today so we will be excited to announce the winners next week.

The sponsor booklets will go home on Monday. For every \$20 raised by each student they get a ticket in the prize draw. The more each student raises, the more chances they have to win.

We have been super busy sourcing some incredible prizes for the Walkathon, which the students are already really excited about. These include: a \$130 basketball system, a \$150 Scooter, a \$100 skateboard, boogie boards, beach cricket sets, soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, water pistols, Barbie Dolls, Shopkins, Ever after high & Monster dolls, a Family voucher to Puffing Billy & 2 tickets to Adventure Park Geelong.

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their incredibly generous donations:

- ★ **Amart Sports Maribyrnong:** \$100 of goods & a big discount on sporting goods purchased which our accrued community dollars
- ★ **New Balance:** 3 x \$200 major prize packs, each comprising 1 pair of Kids shoes, 1 Back Pack, 1 Kids T Shirt, 1 pair of Kids Shorts, & 1 pair of socks.
- ★ **Athletes Foot:** 3 pairs of runners for our poster competition winners
- ★ **Kmart Altona Gate:** \$40 gift voucher
- ★ **Target Point Cook:** \$25 gift voucher
- ★ **Rebel Sport Point Cook:** Basketball & pump, high bounce balls