



St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to all students, teachers and parent helpers at today's Walkathon. What a fantastic event it was... Not only did we all get out and get active, but there was loads of fun had as well. Now is the time to collect your sponsorship money and return it to school by Monday 12th of November. Remember to put your raffle tickets in your envelope as well – 1 ticket for every \$20 raised. Tickets and information about the number of laps your child completed were sent home today. Extra raffle tickets are available on the school website (NEWS: Notes & Forms). The raffle prize draw will take place on Friday 16th November at 2.30pm in the hall. All welcome to attend. **Money raised from this Walkathon will go towards adding more IT equipment to our classrooms.** Please thank our sponsors for their very generous donations, without them we wouldn't have these awesome prizes to reward our students for their effort. A complete list of our sponsors is included.

RED DAY for CHILD SAFETY

Well done everyone who wore a splash of **RED** today to highlight the importance of Child Safety. We had an assembly before recess. Olivia & Grace talked to us about keeping children safe and then a representative from each class read a message about feeling safe. We then blew bubbles into the sky, symbolic of us wanting to send our safety messages far and wide. Thanks Olivia & Grace for organising the day and putting together our display of children's work. Come along into the foyer outside the staff room to see some great safety messages written by our children.

CLASS GROUPINGS FOR 2019:

We are about to begin organising children into their classes for 2019. The following guidelines are used to assist us in creating the most effective classroom structures possible so that all children are given the best opportunity to succeed and to achieve their full potential, educationally, emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually. Things we consider are: Friendship Groups, Academic Ability, Behaviour, Gender Balance, Immediate/Extended Family, Maturity level, Number of Children on SWD Funding, Personality, Prior History (eg Previous teachers, Oldest or Youngest in the Group) and Social Skills. If you have any important information that you think will assist us in this process then please put it in writing or email me by **FRIDAY 2nd NOVEMBER**. **Please do not make verbal or written requests to teachers as this places unfair pressure on them.** The only information that will be considered at all is the information I receive in writing or by email, principal@smaltona.catholic.edu.au and is of a valid and relevant nature.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL:

You may have noticed some new white car parking lines in McBain & Sargood Streets including in the NO STANDING AREAS (8am - 4pm School Days) adjacent to the two main exit/entry gates. Please DO NOT PARK in these areas during the above times.

Watch out for swooping magpies...apparently there is one in Sargood St that is on the attack!

SCHOOL CLOSURE: Monday 5th November

ARTS SPECTACULAR: Wednesday 12th December. Hopefully you have this date marked on your calendar. A highlight of the year.

David Kelly
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2019 Sacrament Dates

TERM TWO:

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: - Friday, 26th April, 2019 at 7pm

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

Dates for Confirmation Rite of Commitment Masses weekend and Confirmation Family Workshop: T.B.A.



"God loves us all." (1906)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



Weekly Class Mass:

On Friday 2nd November, Year 3/4M will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. This is All Soul's Day. All family and friends are invited to celebrate and join the children in prayer.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
may your holy name be honoured:
may your Kingdom come;
and may your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us today the food we need.
Forgive us the wrongs we have done,
as we forgive the wrongs that
others have done to us.
Do not bring us to hard testing,
but keep us safe from the evil one. Amen.

Congratulations to Anna A, Mia A, Gabriel A, Gemma D, Caitlyn G, Samantha K, Ciara O'C, Lily S, Bryanna W & Ava Z our Girls Softball Team who will play in the Western Metropolitan Region round robin knockout competition at East Belmont Saints Baseball Club, East Belmont next Tuesday 30th October. Good Luck girls!



Uniform Shop: Open Monday 8.30 – 9 am / Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm

Uniform can be ordered via email, stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com. Simply use the description on the form adding size and quantity.

Payments can be made with either cash to the shop, or direct deposit (details at the bottom of the uniform order form). The order form can be found on the school website under NEWS then Notes & Forms.



NORMIE THE GNOME

Normie the Gnome is awarded to the House Team who cleans the yard the best.
This week's winner is: **RED TEAM**

LAST WEEK'S BOOK FAIR:

A huge thank you to everyone who bought books at our Book Fair. With our commission on sales, we were able to choose over \$1200 worth of books for our library and for use in our classrooms. Well Done!



PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 22nd October 2018

PREP D	Thomas M for using feedback to improve his writing Gracie B for being a super helpful and hardworking member of Prep D
PREP S	Miller D for always listening attentively in class Claudia J for working hard to hear sounds when writing a sentence
YEAR 1/2G	Judah D for being an enthusiastic and helpful class member Rush A for trying his best and working hard in writing
YEAR 1/2S	Kade F for his fantastic effort with writing Skye A for her valuable contributions to class discussions
YEAR 1/2D	Ethan L for his inspiring attitude and dedication towards his learning. Isabella M for her infectious approach and dedication towards her learning
YEAR 1/2K	Logan B for using class time wisely Charlie W for taking initiative to help others
YEAR 3/4M	Jade McG for her continual hard work and dedication to Maths Christos G for his enthusiastic and focused attitude towards his learning
YEAR 3/4HK	Aidan K for his great choices of seeds for his Writers Notebook and amazing writing skills. Zoe B for her conscientious effort with all her work
YEAR 3/4V	Isabella A for her consistent dedication and commitment to her learning. Keely W for working persistently hard during Maths sessions
YEAR 5/6C	Sebastian M for his exemplary behaviour representing St Mary's at the Regional Athletics Day Alana V for completing her homework to a very high standard
YEAR 5/6L	Gabriel A for her fantastic speech to the class about Gold and Blue Macaws. Josh M for his enthusiastic approach to Discussion Writing
YEAR 5/6H	Ethan L for his commitment to reading tasks Isabella M for her positive approach to learning new concepts in Maths

TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 29th October, 2018



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Paula Luppino

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ST. MARY'S CHOIR NEWS

On Wednesday, 37 members of our choir performed at the Hobson's Bay Children's Week Picnic. It was a beautiful day, so we had a big audience. The choir sang four songs to a very appreciative crowd. I was so very proud of the way the choir sang with so much joy. Well done choristers!! Check out our

photos on Facebook...there are lots more!!

Mrs. Angela Hamilton. Performing Arts Specialist
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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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