

# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2019

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Dear Parents

### 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. Ava & Alana 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 Ava & Alana 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.

### WALKATHON:

What another outstanding success. It was fantastic to see all the children participating and having a great time. Some walking and chatting to friends, some walking and then jogging and the more competitive ones running. A big THANK YOU to Susie H & Marilyn F, and the Parents & Friends for their organisation of the amazing prizes. Thank you to the many other parents that came along to assist and/or participate and to those who sent in eskies for the day. A special thank you to those mums that dressed up which added greatly to the fun of the day.

**Children will come home today with a letter & raffle tickets. Please assist them to collect their sponsorship money and return it to school by Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> via their classroom.**

**There will be a Special Assembly on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30 pm. when the prizes will be drawn. Thank you to all staff for their assistance in making this thus a great event.**

**WELL DONE TO ALL INVOLVED.**

### CLASS GROUPINGS FOR 2020:

A final reminder to parents that if they have any information they think will assist us with our class groupings I need to receive them via email by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

### BOOK FAIR:

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our Book Fair last week and helped us make our best sales ever - raising over \$2000 to spend on books for our classroom bookshelves, our Literacy programs and our school library.

### PREP 2020 INFORMATION NIGHT:

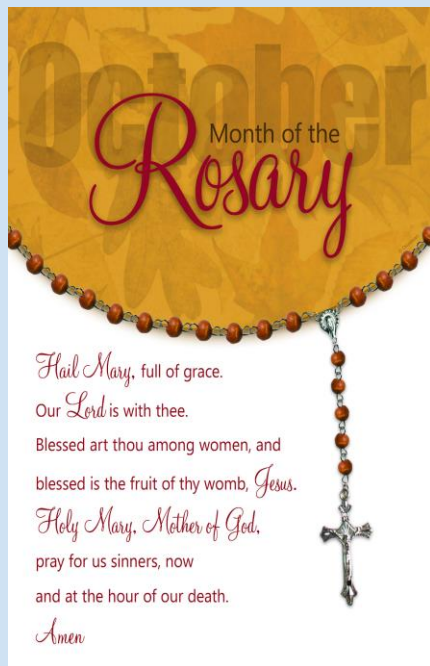
This will be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October commencing at 7.30 pm upstairs in the TRI Centre. This is an important meeting for all parents of children commencing school in 2020. As well as receiving information about next year, parents will also select days and times for the three compulsory parts of our Transition Program: Group Interviews, Open Week & Prep Orientation Morning. **If you require child minding on the night, could you please contact the school office by Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at the latest.**

Have a happy and safe weekend.

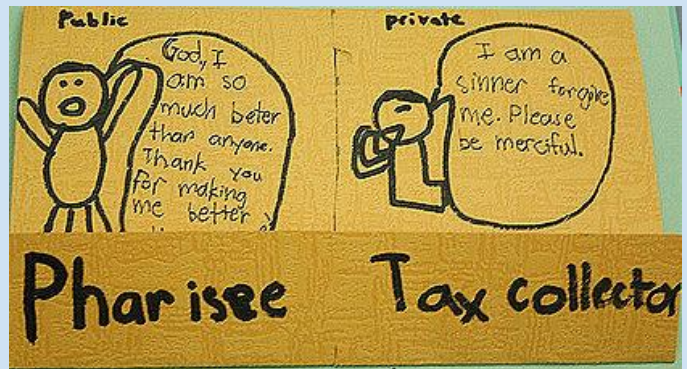
David Kelly  
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## EDUCATION IN FAITH

This month across the school, we have been focusing on the Rosary in honour of and in respect to Mary. As October draws to a close, I invite you to spend some time in prayer as a family.



### **This weekend's Gospel**



**Luke 18: 9–14**

*The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.*

### **Special Dates**

**October: World Mission Month**

**18–27 Oct** National Children's Week

**27 Oct** Diwali – Festival of Lights (Interfaith: Hinduism)

**28 Oct** Feast of Sts Simon and Jude

**1 Nov** Solemnity of All Saints

**1st Nov** Whole School Mass

**2 Nov** Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

**3–9 Nov** National Vocation Awareness Week

**4 Nov** Memorial of St Charles Borromeo

**5 Nov** Melbourne Cup Day

**9 Nov** Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

### **Weekly Class Masses**

We look forward to Friday 1st November, when the whole school will lead the celebration of the Feast Day Mass for All Saints Day at 9:15 am.



We then look forward to Monday the 11th of November when 3/4HT will lead the prayer assembly in commemoration of Remembrance Day at 2:20 pm.

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



**"God loves us all."** (1906)

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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



### **EMMANUEL COLLEGE NEWS:**

Congratulations to the outstanding group of senior students commissioned, at the College assembly, as College Leaders for 2020. They provided powerful reflections on how the Marianist identity of the College informs their leadership in committing to their roles of service. It was also exciting to welcome, to our recent information evening, the parents of our 2020 Year 7s – the Class of 2025!

### **TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2019**

Friday: **Rosemary Ciavarella**  
Manager: Amy Xu Tel: 9315 0799

### **SCHOOL CLOSURE:**

School closure day will be on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
(Monday before Tuesday's Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday)





## ST. MARY'S CHOIR NEWS

On Wednesday, the Year 3-6 members of our choir performed at the Hobson's Bay Children's Week Picnic. It was a beautiful warm day, so we had a big audience. The choir sang to a very appreciative crowd and the compere wanted us to stay on and sing more! I was so very proud of the way the choir sang with so much joy and enthusiasm. Well done choirsters!!

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## OPEN DAY

**SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER**

**10am - 2pm**

**Free - All Welcome**



Enjoy a glass of wine or coffee and a muffin on the deck as you watch the yachts come and go

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LIPTON CUP REGATTA

16 - 17 November 2019

## St Mary's Kids Disco 2019

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**



YOU ARE INVITED TO A:

## DYSLEXIA PARTY

A CHANCE TO MEET OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

**SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2019  
1:30-3:30PM**

**13 MASON STREET NEWPORT**

Please bring some party food to share and any preferred outdoor games if the weather is nice. This is a free activity with a small charge for an optional Cup Cake decorating activity. REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL <http://tinyurl.com/y4ghf5qz>



**Outside  
the BOX**

**ROYAL YACHT CLUB OF VICTORIA**  
120 Nelson Place, Williamstown 3016







## What's on in November, 2019

16 Esplanade Williamstown

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### 7th November

#### Let's Be Crafty

10 am till Midday

A mixture of teaching new skills and BYO craft

Donations welcome

### 9th November

#### Earth Rituals—Carmel Cramer rsj and Margie Abbott, rsm

1 pm to 3 pm

Earth rituals and prayers help us to celebrate the interconnectedness of all that is. A ritual is created out of participants' reflections, ideas, thoughts, actions and poetry.

BYO lunch to share.

Donations welcome

### 14th November

#### Mary of Magdala - Therese Quinn rsj.

7.30 to 8.30 pm

(Year C—Year of Luke) Lectio Divina prayer, praying the scriptures contemplatively as living word for us all today will be held on Thursdays from 7.30—8.30 p.m..

Cost **Free**

All Welcome.

Artist: Rien Poortvliet

### 20th November

#### Ecology—Focused Shift in Consciousness.—Carmel Cramer, rsj.

7.30 to 8.30 pm

What do we mean by the New Cosmology?

We invite your participation in conversation, discovery and awakening as we look at the new world view of our times using up to date YouTube clips, readings and other stimulus material.

Cost **Free**



**What is God Asking of Us in Australia at this time. What Moves Us?**

**A local response by local artists**

20th November.

**Art exhibition - Wednesday 20th November**

**Thursday 21st November**

21st November

**Local artists will speak of their art pieces at 1.30 pm to 3 pm and 7.30 pm to 9 pm.**

1.30 p.m and

Repeated at

7.30 p.m

**RSVP 2 days prior to any session would be appreciated**