



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, ALTONA NEWSLETTER 2016

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Dear Parents,

No.35 18th November 2016

Our Annual ARTS SPECTACULAR is less than two weeks away, Thursday 1st December. The children have been rehearsing enthusiastically in preparation for their part in our play "FOLLOW THE MUSIC". It commences at 6.00 pm and as mentioned in last week's newsletter it will take place on the school oval. We have booked a stage and an audio company to handle the sound. There will be two audience sections: One - you can bring a picnic rug and sit on the grass, Two - you can bring a deck chair (there will also be a large number of school chairs available).

At the conclusion of the performance families can remain on the oval to eat or, as usual, there will be tables set up on the basketball court. The Parents & Friends are still requiring volunteers to organise/assist with the BBQ. Please contact Marilyn Fischer (merilynfischer@optusnet.com.au) or the school office. *That "SOMEBODY ELSE WILL DO IT" is unavailable that evening so we would greatly appreciate YOUR assistance.*

There will also be drinks available. During this time our Art Show will open. Don't miss seeing the amazing artwork your children have produced throughout the year. This is displayed both upstairs and downstairs in the TRI Centre.

SARGOOD STREET:

I appreciate that at Drop Off and Pick Up times Sargood Street can be very frustrating with the two building sites; however, can I remind you for the safety of everyone to please be aware and adhere to any signage. Thank you for your co-operation in this difficult situation.

WALKATHON

A huge thank you to the Parents & Friends for organising 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 next Friday, the 25th 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 at the school office. The raffle prize draw will take place on Friday 2nd December at 2.30pm in the hall. All welcome to attend.

PRE SERVICE TEACHERS

This week Aidan Segal and Victoria Hannemann began working at St. Mary's. Aidan and Victoria are 2nd Year students from ACU who will be working with Mrs Mithen & Year 5/6M, and Mrs Hicks and Ms Dani in Prep HM. Thanks to those teachers and classes for welcoming Aidan and Victoria.

CONDOLENCES



Please keep Sophie Belton (Prep S) and her family in your prayers following the recent passing of her grandfather.

David Kelly,
Principal.

IMPORTANT DATES.

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 for students	3.20pm



PRINCIPALS AWARDS 14th November 2016

PrepHM	Sienna Polo
PrepS	Luca Devetak
Year 1/2HK	Joshua Van Zyl
Year 1/2S	Isabelle Nelson
Year 1/2D	Melina Merola
Year 1/2G	Lucas Zun
Year 3/4M	Noah Ligudzinski
Year 3/4S	Emma Hussey
Year 3/4VH	Shannon Williams
Year 5/6C	Jade Azzopardi
Year 5/6L	Jack Dowling
Year 5/6M	Emma Kelly



This year we will once again be involved in the **Kids off the Kerb “In Your Shoes”** campaign.

In Your Shoes is an unwanted footwear collection program which aims to divert shoes from landfill.

Your shoes will be redistributed to people less fortunate. They will also be provided to affordable markets and help create employment and training opportunities for disadvantaged young people. In Your Shoes cuts down the amount of discarded shoes that end up in the landfill.

* Send all unwanted (but clean) footwear to school on

Thursday 24th November.

* Shoe collection will be on the netball court before school.

*House points will be given for each pair of shoes brought along.

* Be sure to pair them up together by their laces or with rubber bands.



Thursday 23rd
November is our
next **Walk / Ride to
School Day.**

Our Walking School Buses will run on this day. Please complete the Google form included with this newsletter if you can supervise or you are going to participate.

NORMIE THE GNOME is awarded to the House Team who keeps their part of the yard the cleanest. This week's winner is: **RED TEAM**



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EDUCATION IN FAITH

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2017

Reconciliation: Term 1. Wednesday, 22nd March at 7pm.

First Eucharist: Term 2. Sunday 18th June at 3pm.

Confirmation: Term 3. Friday, 18th August 2017 at 7pm.

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

Parish News

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Our Stewardship Program begins this week. The Program invites us to revisit our role as committed parishioners and how our parish can benefit from our collective gifts. The word parishioner means '*one who belongs to/is connected with a parish*'. Being a member of a parish means playing a part in the parish community in all areas, taking ownership and belonging to a family of faith believers. Over the course of the next few weeks we will look at the different areas of our parish and where each of us fits in. ***Please collect your individually addressed envelope with the brochure and Time & Talent sheet.***

INFORMATION MEETING - All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the major meeting of the Program - our **Parish Information Meeting on Tuesday 22 November**. For your convenience, we have scheduled two sessions - **10.00am in St Mary's Church** and **7.30pm in the School Hall**. This will be an opportunity for us to gather as a community to plan for the future of our parish and share a cuppa together. Please mark this important parish event in your calendar.

Parish News

Nativity Play:

A great opportunity for St Mary's students to take part in the annual Nativity Play as part of the 7pm Christmas Vigil Mass at Mary, Help of Christians Parish.

Rehearsals will take place on Sunday 4, 11 & 18th December from 10.30am

to 11.30am in the Church. Parts for the play will be chosen on Sunday

November 27th. (please meet in the Narthex). Children are expected to

attend all 3 rehearsals, however if this is a problem please let a member of the

Children's Liturgy know or phone Lucy at the Parish House on 9398 2964.

Permission Forms are available from the Narthex, School Office or Parish House.

Completed forms may be left in the box provided in the Narthex, School Office or

placed in the Parish House letterbox (marked attention Lucy) by no later

than Sunday 20th November, 2016.



Parish News

ALIVE 2016 Youth Rally – Live Music, Food, Worship & More.

Friday 25th November 2016 at Mount St. Joseph Girls' College, 133 Maidstone St. Altona. Time 5-8pm (starting with a BBQ). Ages Year 9 to 35 years. Guest Speaker – Fr. Dan Serratore. Featuring ONE Worship. Register Free. Hosted by **St. Mary's Altona**. www.melbournealive2016.e4ventbrite.com.au For more info dfairthorne@msj.vic.edu.au

Parish News

You are invited to join members of other Altona Christian communities at Three Ecumenical Advent Services to be held at 7pm on the first three Wednesdays of December:
30th November at Trinity Uniting Church, Seves St.

7th December at St. Eanswythe's Anglican Church

14th December at St. Mary's Church.

Each service will be about 30 minutes in length.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



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



"Do your best and God will bless your effort".

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 1899

~ Olive Chodowski ~ REL



Improving Self-Esteem

Joseph's Corner warmly welcomes you to an introductory course in Improving Self Esteem

Joseph's Corner

A counselling service for families
Living with alcohol and drug addiction

- * Self worth
- * Can I acknowledge my strengths and weaknesses and use them to help me?
- * Who has been the most positive influence in my life and what do I hope for?
- * What would it mean to me to find peace?

Venue: Joseph's Corner Cnr. Campbell and Bellin Street, Laverton

Days: Tuesday 22nd November
Tuesday 29th November
Tuesday 6th December
Tuesday 13th December

Time: 10am – 12pm

Leader: Vivienne Decleva

Cost: There is no cost but a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Tea and coffee provided

What is your story?

We all have a story to tell

So join us at Joseph's Corner to share your stories over a cuppa in a friendly and supportive environment.

Venue: Joseph's Corner Cnr. Campbell and Bellin street, Laverton. Tel 9315 2680 Contact@josephscorner.org.au

Dates: Thursday 24th November, 1st December, 8th December & 15th December 2016

Time: 10am – 12noon

Cost: No cost, but a gold coin donation would be appreciated.



TUCKSHOP HELPERS

Week beginning 21st November 2016

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Cynthia Bitaks

Thursday

Friday Paula Luppino

Manager: Eva Coppola

Tel: 9315 0799



UNIFORM SHOP 2017

Uniform Shop hours for 2017 will be Monday 8.30am - 9am and Thursday 2.30pm-3.10pm. We are still looking for volunteers to help out. Please email if you are willing to help.

We will be open the day before school starts for children, Monday 30th January **11am - 12.30pm ONLY** for last minute supplies. Please ensure that you have enough uniforms, in the correct sizes prior to the end of Term 4.

A reminder that any uniform order can be sent through to stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com. Payment can be made via direct deposit or cash in an envelope dropped off to the school office. Uniforms once ordered and paid will be sent home in your child's school bag. Items can be ordered and paid for during the school holidays and will be available for pick up from the school office on the first day of school for children, Tuesday 31st January 2017.

Please note that the last day the Uniform Shop will be open this year is Wednesday 14th December.

St Joseph's by the Sea

Praying Mary's Song

The Magnificat Lk 1: 46-55

An Advent invitation to join in Mary's Song, "the most revolutionary Advent hymn ever sung." Bonnhoeffer

Join facilitator, Therese Quinn rsj,
for an opportunity to reflect on Mary's Song
at the beginning of the season of Advent.

Date: Saturday 26th November 2016

Time: 11am—3pm

Venue: St Joseph's By The Sea, 16 Esplanade Williamstown

Cost: by donation

BYO: lunch

RSVP: by Thursday 24th November

9397 6012 admin.sjbtsw@sosj.org.au

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