

# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2019

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Dear Parents

As Fr Michael Kalka announced recently Mrs Kerin Thorneloe has been appointed Acting Principal for the first two terms next year. Kerin came and met the staff for morning tea on Wednesday and then went around the school and was introduced to each class. Kerin will be attending our School Assembly on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and she will be happy to meet and chat with any parents afterwards. I have already had a couple of meetings with Kerin and she will also attend our School Leadership Team Planning Day in a couple of weeks all aimed at making the start of next year as smooth as possible.

### SCHOOL SPORTS:

What another successful and enjoyable School Sports we had today. It was great to see so many parents helping in the organisation of the various events and activities and also those parents that came along to support all the children.

A successful event like this doesn't just happen so Thank you and Congratulations to our Physical Education Teacher Tim Lappin for his organisation of the day. Thank you to staff and parents that helped set up in the morning, helped and/or supported and encouraged the children during the day and/or assisted with packing up at the end of the day.

Finally Congratulations and thank you to all of our wonderful children who participated so enthusiastically.

**Congratulations to Blue Team for winning the Frank Bond Memorial Shield for our School Sports**, Second was Yellow Team, Third was Green Team and Fourth was Red Team.

Congratulations to the Captains and leaders of all the teams for the quality of all the Chants and Songs. Obviously a lot of time and effort had gone into preparing for these performances.

Well Done!

**Congratulations to Green Team for winning the Team Chant competition.**

**Congratulations to Red Team for winning the Team Song Competition.**

### ARTS SPECTACULAR:

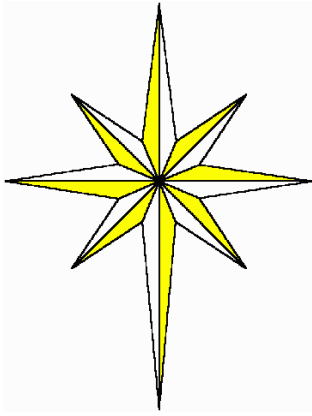
With less than 3 weeks to go until our Arts Spectacular, class performances are being finalised for our concert "**The Star Spectacular**". If you are aware that your child will not be able to be part of the concert hopefully you have already informed either your child's class teacher or our Performing Arts Teacher, Mrs Hamilton.

Following the concert you will be able to view all of the outstanding art work produced by your children displayed throughout the TRI Centre, both upstairs and downstairs.

Hopefully you have this date marked in your diaries: **Arts Spectacular Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 6.00 pm.**

The **Parents & Friends** have again generously agreed to organise a **BBQ and drinks** as part of our **ARTS SPECTACULAR**. There will be some tables and chairs on the basketball court but you are welcome to bring a picnic rug and find a space on the oval. Please look out for requests for assistance as the more involved the lesser the workload

# THE STAR SPECTACULAR



FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY....

THURSDAY DECEMBER 5TH

AT 6PM

STARRING

Isabella 5/6T      Ava 5/6H

Rachel 5/6C      Eliza 5/6T

*STORY CONCEPT: Sophie 3/4K    TRANSITION MUSIC: Fernando 3/4HT*

## **WALKATHON PRIZES:**

These will be drawn and presented at our School Assembly next Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

## **DISCO:**

Thank you to the parents from the Parents & Friends Committee and their many helpers for the organisation of our Children's Disco last night. I've heard many positive comments from children today about 'what a wonderful time they had', 'it was so much fun' etc. Thank you & Well Done.

## **PREP 2020:**

Our Getting A Good Start (GAGS) sessions will continue next Tuesday & Thursday afternoons from 2.50 - 3.15 pm. downstairs in the TRI Centre.

Next Tuesday & Thursday (19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> November) our 20 minute Group Interviews will take place between 9.00 - 10.20 am. Parents will wait for their children in the staffroom.



Our next **Walk / Ride to School Day** will be on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. Our Walking School Buses will run on this day. Please check CareMonkey to register your interest to participate.

**David Kelly**  
Principal



## **NEWS FROM THE PARISH: - Children's Nativity Play**

As part of the vigil Mass this year, the children will re-enact the Gospel Story. Some of the children will be asked to participate in the Responsorial Psalm, First Reading, Intercessory Prayers and Offertory Procession. If you have older children, please encourage them to participate as well. This year's Vigil Mass will commence at 6.30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December. **Rehearsals will take place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December from 11.30am to 12.30pm in the**

**Church.** Parts for the play will be chosen on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Children are asked to attend all 3 rehearsals, however if this is not possible, 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.

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

As fires rage across New South Wales and Queensland we pray for all those who have lost loved ones and for those families and communities who face the heartbreaking task of rebuilding their lives, homes and communities.

We pray for the firefighters, professional and volunteer, who are working around the clock to bring the fires under control. We thank them and the other volunteers from interstate and internationally who are responding so generously with their time and resources to this unprecedented emergency.

We pray for the scientists who have been warning of the climate emergency that their alarms will be heeded. We ask that they receive the necessary support as they turn their skills and abilities to finding ways to help our Common Home.

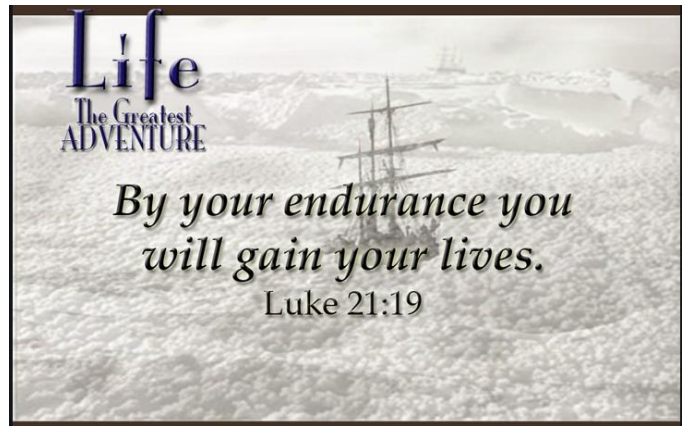
We pray for our leaders that they have the courage and wisdom to make the necessary decisions in the face of such unprecedented fires. We pray also for ourselves, that we do our utmost as individuals and communities to respond with generosity and grace as we are called on to do our part.

All is not lost and we can work together with Jesus' help.



Image: Drought-like conditions across Northern NSW and Queensland coupled with hot weather and winds have hampered efforts to bring more than 120 fires under control. (Photo by Getty Images)

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



***Luke 21: 5–19***

***Your endurance will win you your life***

### ***Special Dates***

**21 Nov** Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**22 Nov** Memorial of St Cecilia

**Fri 22 Nov 3/4 Level Mass**

**Mon 25th Nov Prayer Assembly (5/6C for Advent Wk 1)**

**Fri 29 Nov 1/2D & 1/2T Mass**

**30 Nov** Feast of St Andrew, Apostle

### ***Weekly Class Masses***

***We look forward to Friday the 22nd of November when all of the Year 3/4 classes will lead the celebration of the Mass at 9:15 am.***



***We then look forward to Monday the 25th of November when 5/6C will lead the prayer assembly in commemoration of the First Sunday of Advent at 2:20 pm.***

***Following this, on Friday the 29th of November 1/2T and 1/2D 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.***

**On Monday we commemorated Remembrance Day.**

God of love and liberty,  
We bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy,  
We remember those who in time of war faithfully served their country.

We pray for their families, and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost.

Make us a people zealous for peace, and hasten that day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither learn war any more.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world:

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen.





## PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

PREP D	Logan M for working hard to remember the letter sound relationships Khai-Phi T for his great participation and effort in Reading groups
PREP L	Constance P for including more detail in her writing David N for his enthusiasm during Maths sessions
YEAR 1/2D	Amelia Q for working hard to add small collections of coins together Ipin T for achieving consistently good results in spelling tests each week
YEAR 1/2G	Archer T for working hard to show the different values of money Ivan D for being a kind and caring member of St Mary's
YEAR 1/2S	Jeremee L for his great persistence when working through all tasks Minh-Phi T for having a positive attitude towards learning
YEAR 1/2T	Ava S for demonstrating leadership skills during classroom activities Georgia M for constantly presenting her best work during classroom activities
YEAR 3/4HT	Sarah C for her amazing behaviour and enthusiasm during our excursion Xavier A for his great efforts when learning about fractions
YEAR 3/4K	Susannah E for her can-do attitude towards all tasks Ruby W for her enthusiasm during Reading groups
YEAR 3/4M	Gabby L for her great efforts in presenting "Radio Talk" in Readers Theatre Ryan T for his excellent contributions in the Writer's Notebook process
YEAR 5/6C	Rachel C for her mature and responsible attitude to school life Zali M for being a co-operative and focused student during independent and group activities
YEAR 5/6H	Stella L for her excellent organisation and helpful nature Jordan F for his enthusiastic approach to reading
YEAR 5/6T	Jett P for developing a settled attitude to the way he operates in the classroom Jessica L for a continued effort to strive for excellence

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& ORCHESTRA

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WINNIES CHRISTMAS  
APPEAL

# TWILIGHT TALK & TOUR

Pursuing personal best

<b>NOTRE DAME CAMPUS</b> Tuesday 12 November Commencing at 6pm	<b>ST PAUL'S CAMPUS</b> Tuesday 19 November Commencing at 6pm
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