

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2019

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Dear Parents

Thank you to the majority of parents that have settled their School Fee Account in full or only have a very small amount owing.

We need all accounts settled by Friday 6th December or parents need to arrange a meeting with myself to create a Payment Plan. Thank you in advance.

Parents that have a larger amount owing will have received a personal letter with their School Fee Statement.

2020 PREPS – OPEN WEEK

Next week our Preps for 2020 will visit the current Prep classrooms on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Four new preps and their parents will spend the morning with the 2019 Preps and class teachers. We hope they have a fun time during their visits.

YEAR 4 CAMP:

Our Year 4 students are getting very excited looking forward to their Camp next week. Hopefully the weather is kind to them. Check our Facebook page for photo updates.

YEAR 5 BIG DAY OUT:

Our Year 5's are on what can only be described as their Big Day Out today. They have been to the Sun theatre to see The Addams Family, have had lunch in Federation Square, played Laser Tag, visited the Eureka Tower and by the time you receive this will be walking to McDonalds for dinner and then heading to MSAC for a swimming session. Thanks to the Year 5/6 teachers and Learning Support Officers who have organised today's extravaganza and supervised the students throughout the day. Check our Facebook page for photo updates.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please return all library books by Monday 2nd December. No further borrowing will take place from next week.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS: Is on Tuesday 17th December at 6.00 pm.

FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: Is Wednesday 18th December @ 3.20pm.

ARTS SPECTACULAR:

Thursday 5th December. Hopefully you have this date marked on your calendar. For new families more information will follow next week. Definitely a highlight of the year. **Look out for a Care Monkey note regarding helpers for the BBQ.**

MOVING UP DAY



This Monday all children from Prep to Year 5 will be spending the morning experiencing life in their 2020 year level.

The purpose of this session is to give the children a taste of what school will be like in another room/building/level.

****However, this DOES NOT MEAN that the room they are in, or the teacher or children they are with, will be who they are with or where they will be in 2020.****

We hope that this will be an enjoyable and worthwhile experience for all.

David Kelly
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Advent Liturgies

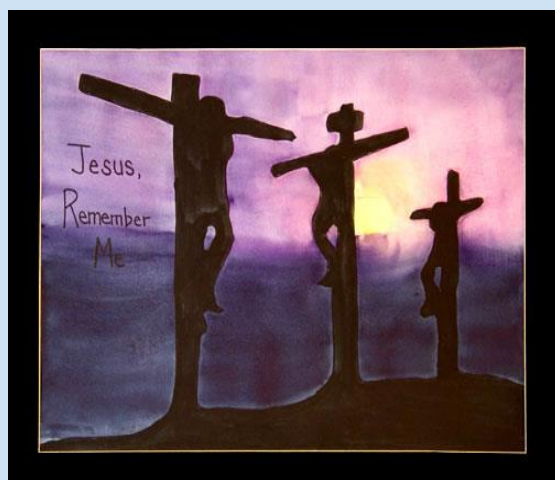
We warmly invite you to join with us in prayer at our upcoming Advent liturgies. These liturgies are held in preparation for the coming of the Christ at Christmas.



Our whole school will gather together in the church to reflect on the Scripture and make connection with the theme of each of the four weeks of Advent. Each of the liturgies is hosted by a different grade level and many of the children are involved in the liturgies. Below is a list of dates and times and we hope to see many of you there.

This weekend's Gospel

Luke 23: 35–43



Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Advent Liturgy & Theme	Host classes	Date & Time
1st week of Advent HOPE	5/6C	Monday 25th November at 2:20 pm
2nd week of Advent PEACE	Prep L, Prep D, 5/6T & 5/6H	Friday 6th December at 2:30 pm
3rd week of Advent JOY	All Year 1/2 classes	Friday 13th December at 2:30 pm
4th week of Advent LOVE	All Year 3/4 classes	Monday 16th December at 12:50 pm

Special Dates

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
3 Dec International Day of People with Disability
3 Dec Memorial of St Francis Xavier
7 Dec Memorial of St Ambrose

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



Weekly Class Masses

We look forward to 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 and would love to see you there.



"Have a pure heart and be faithful." (1871)





PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 18th November, 2019

PREP D	James H for working hard to read with more expression
PREP L	Thomas B for working hard to decode long vowel sounds when reading
YEAR 1/2D	Leila Z for her great effort to improving her mathematical abilities
YEAR 1/2S	Thomas M for working so hard to complete tasks in the set time
YEAR 1/2T	James S for working extra hard to improve his legibility in handwriting
YEAR 3/4HT	Segolene H for her great interest in our Identity and Culture unit
YEAR 3/4K	Astin K for displaying good sportsmanship on sports day
YEAR 3/4M	Xavier B for achieving great spelling results each week, showing persistence with challenging words
YEAR 5/6C	Jeremy C for displaying a responsible attitude to his learning and being a motivated student
YEAR 5/6H	Lexi R for her creative poetry writing
YEAR 5/6T	Jett P for developing a settled attitude to the way he operates in the classroom

TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 25th November, 2019

Friday:

Rosemary Ciavarella

Manager: Amy Xu

Tel: 9315 0799



Performing Arts News

All the classes have been working so hard towards the concert that their excitement is contagious.

By the end of this week at the latest, parents should have been notified by your class teachers of the costumes your children will need.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on December 5th!!

Angela Hamilton

Performing Arts Teacher



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**



HELP NEEDED BY PARENTS AND PAST STUDENTS

On **Wednesday 11th December** from 9.00 – 11.00am we are taking on the mighty task of **cleaning 300 classroom chairs and 150 tables....**and YES we need help. All cleaning products and materials will be provided.

This annual event is open to all past students who usually have a great time catching up with each other and do a little...sorry lots of cleaning too. We would also welcome parents to come and help with cleaning the tables. If you can assist please contact the School Office or myself via email. Thank you for your help. Marg Masseni - mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

WALKATHON PRIZES:

Congratulations to our Walkathon prize winners. Check out our Facebook page to see their smiling faces.

PARENT THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA

Thank you for your help and support during the year. We would like to invite you to join the staff for Afternoon Tea on **Monday 16th December from 3.10 – 4.00 pm** in the school hall (children will be supervised outside). This will take place after our final assembly for the year to be hosted by our School Captains in the Church. This will also be a great opportunity for parents and friends to see David before the end of the year.



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