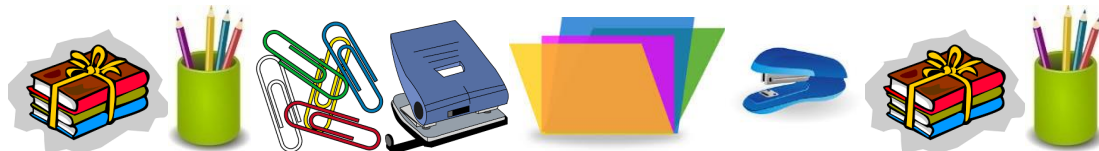


St. Mary's school, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents

No. 3 17th February 2017

Can I remind all PARENTS and CHILDREN that AFTER-SCHOOL, NO CHILDREN are to be playing on the Basketball Court, Senior Adventure Playground or the oval. All families need to leave the school grounds within 15 minutes of the final dismissal bell. This is when the Sargood Street and Church gates are locked and there is no longer any supervision on the Netball Court/Junior Adventure Playground.

We appreciate and value that some parents like to catch up with other parents in this pick up time so starting next week we will open the gates 10 minutes earlier at 3.00 pm. Tuesday - Friday.

We request the co-operation of all families in this important matter. Thank you.

CAREMONKEY:

Just a reminder to the families that have not completed the CareMonkey profiles for their child/ren. We still have 60 children who do not have a profile. Very soon we will be sending out excursion/incursion/camp permission forms via CareMonkey. I would like to remind you that we will NOT be printing permission notes to send home so the only way you will be notified of these events and be able to give permission for your children to attend is to have their CareMonkey profiles complete and shared with the school. If you are having difficulty, require assistance or have any further questions please contact our Digital Technologies Leader, Ronnie tucker (vtucker@smaltona.catholic.edu.au).

YEAR 6 & PREP BUDDY FAMILY NIGHT:

This will be held on Friday 3rd March commencing at 6.00 pm. Invitations were sent home today to Year 6 & Prep families. Looking forward to seeing you there.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:

Our first School Closure Day is Tuesday 14th March. There is no school for children on this day. Out of School Hours Care will operate if there is sufficient numbers so please contact Camp Australia immediately if you wish to use this service.

MOBILE PHONES:

As a general rule, primary aged children should not require the use of a mobile phone at school. If however in your particular situation you require your child to bring a mobile phone to school, it is to be handed in to the School Office upon arrival at school and collected on departure.

David Kelly,
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Reconciliation Dates:

Rite of Acceptance Masses weekend Sat 25th Feb 6pm or Sun 26th Feb 10.30am

Reconciliation Family Workshop Wednesday 8th March 7pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Wednesday, 22nd March at 7pm.

Praying with your child.

No one else on earth will ever pray for your child with the fervency and consistency that you will. What an awesome opportunity to powerfully affect your child's life.



"The love of Jesus is too strong for me not to cling to."

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 1873

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- *Filomena Rubino (Mia Attana's Nonna) who is recovering from a serious accident.

Weekly Class Mass

On Friday 24th February Year 3/4HK will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to sit with, celebrate and join the children in prayer.



Parish News

Lent Studies 2017 – With You Always.

Studies on the Sunday readings from Matthew's Gospel.

- Do something really positive this Lent! Join with members of other Christian Communities in Altona in preparation for the celebration of the Lord's Death and Resurrection. Put your name on the sheet provided in the Narthex, indicating which meeting you would like to attend and whether you would like a booklet. The Study books cost \$12 and payment can be made to your group leader. There will be three groups meeting each week commencing **Wednesday 8th March at:**

St. Mary's Church -	10.00am
Trinity Uniting Church	2.00pm
St. Eanswythe's Anglican Church	7.30pm

Bulletin deliveries - We have quite a few streets that still need deliveries, any parishioner can spare some time during the week delivering to any of the following streets, it would be very much appreciated: Akuna; Bell; Belmar; Burt; Cambridge; Chorley; Civic (part of); Cowra; David; Dove; Emery; Emu; Frazer; Grieve; Hammond; Kearney; Kookaburra; Lark; Lowe; Lugg; MaAlpine; McBain; McIntyre; Millers; Purnell; Queen; Rayner; Romawi; Sussex; Upton; Waters & Stewart Ave. Please ring Lucy at the parish house if you can help out. Thank you

Ash Wednesday 1st March 2017

Mass times: 9.15am & 7pm

**Mass for families & Youth commences at St. Mary's parish on Sunday 12th March at 5pm
ALL WELCOME**

The next Music Ministry will be on Sunday, 5th March at the 10.30am Mass. Music led by Genevieve Bryant. Please come and join in. New members are welcome!



PRINCIPALS AWARDS 13th Feb 2016

PREP D	Ava Reismanis for being such a great listener.
PREP S	Denise Tsegay for working hard and for being a great helper.
YEAR 1/ 2HT	Thomas Hicks for always listening and following instructions.
YEAR 1/ 2S	Daniel Surbevski for being a kind, caring and helpful class member.
YEAR 1/ 2N	Tiana Matina for always trying her best.
YEAR 1/2G	Andre Braganza for being well focused during classroom tasks.
YEAR 3/4M	Michael Morda for being an excellent team player and helping others.
YEAR 3/4HK	Alyssa Tizzani for her excellent application to her work.
YEAR 3/4V	Caitlyn Green for writing a descriptive snapshot.
YEAR 5/6C	Mia Attana for her attentive listening and productive contributions to group tasks.
YEAR 5/6L	Cooper Porter for completing a great snapshot about his holiday to the Gold Coast.
YEAR 5/6K	Monae Sepsic for putting in a great effort when learning about place value.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Time
20/2	Class Assembly 3/4V	2.20pm – 3.00pm
25/2	Reconciliation & 1 st Eucharist Rite of Acceptance Mass	6.00pm
26/2	Reconciliation & 1 st Eucharist Rite of Acceptance Mass	10.30am – 11.30am
27/2	Class Assembly 3/4M	2.20pm – 3.00pm
1/3	Ash Wednesday Mass	9.15am–10.15am
3/3	Inter school sports Rd 3 @ Home Vs Williamstown G	9am – 11am
3/3	Prep & Year 6 Buddy Family Night	6pm - 8pm
6/3	Prayer Assembly 3/4 HK	2.40pm – 3.00pm
7/3	School Photos	8.30am – 1.30pm
8/3	Reconciliation Family Workshop	7pm – 8.30pm
10/3	Inter school sports Rd 4 @ away Vs Seaholme	9am – 11am
13/3	Labour Day Holiday	
14/3	School Closure Day	
16/3	Divisional Swimming	9am – 3.30pm
17/3	Inter school sports Rd 5 @ Home Vs Williamstown Nth	9am – 11am
20/3	Class Assembly 1/2S	2.20pm -3.00pm
22/3	Sacrament of Reconciliation	7pm – 8pm
24/3	Inter school sports Round Robin Final	
27/3	Class Assembly 1/2N	2.20pm – 3.00pm
	Parents & Teacher conferences	3.15pm – 5.30pm
28/3	WMR Swimming	9am – 3.30pm
31/3	End of Term One	2.30pm



Our first Walk / Ride to School day for 2017 will be held this THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY. COME ALONG IN AN ACTIVE WAY – Start your day in a great way AND get house points for your team!!!

We will run our Walking School Buses from two locations on the day.

BUS 1 - Esplanade & Cnr Sargood St (beach side of the road)

and BUS 2 - Cnr of Mc Intyre Drive & Civic Pde (North side of Civic Pde)

Meeting Time: 8.20am

We have organised parents to supervise the walk so you can drop your children at the meeting point and know that they will get to school safely or join in the walk yourself. Parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, dogs and prams...everyone welcome! (Have a coffee with some other parents on your way back to get the car!)

(We do ask that your children don't ride bikes or scooters unless you are with them – it's much harder for other parents to supervise)

Please complete the GOOGLE FORM through the link on this newsletter email.



School photographs will be taken on Tuesday 7th March. If paying online, please follow the instructions on the envelope carefully. Please include child's correct name & correct class. If you intend to purchase a package, please ensure that your child's envelope is handed in prior to, or on photography day. If you have more than 2 children attending this school, the 3rd and subsequent children's packages, are free of charge.

Sibling photograph envelopes, must be picked up from the office and handed in, either prior to, or on the day of photography.



Well done to our **YEAR 3/4 GARDENING Group** who harvested and sold lots of vegies today – pumpkin, kale and corn! Thanks to everyone who made a purchase. Money raised will go back into our Gardening Program. Thanks for supporting!

If you have half an hour free on a Friday afternoon, come along and help Kristen and the enthusiastic Year 3/4s as they plant, harvest and water our garden plots. The more the merrier!

SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef And return to the school office asap.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 20th February 2017



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Caroline Cassar

Thursday

Friday Rosemary Ciavarella

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

New Tuckshop list and prices are on school website - Please take note of the new prices



UNIFORM SHOP

In 2017 the uniform shop will be open: **Thursdays 2.30 - 3.30 pm.**

With Term One being a relatively short term, we are turning our attention to winter uniforms. To ensure that we can order in a timely manner for Term Two, please visit the shop to order your winter uniform. To receive your winter uniform by end of Term One, orders must be placed by Friday 17th February.

For those that are unable to make it to the shop, the order forms are available on the School Website, News, Notes & Forms. These 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 for will be sent home in your child's school bag.

If the sizes are not correct, and the labels are still attached, return them to the office with a note and contact number, and we will endeavour to correct it for you.



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS



Amart Sports & Rebel Loyalty Programs

St Mary's have established loyalty programs with both Amart Sports & Rebel. 5% of any purchases made at any Amart Sports or any Rebel Sport goes directly back to St Mary's. This helps us buy sports equipment for the school. Over the past year we've accrued an impressive \$569.10 at Amart Sports, so it really is a valuable program for our school. Mr Lappin has already used the points accrued at Rebel Sport to purchase equipment this year too.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Next time you're buying the kids new footy boots; runners; or sports equipment, go to an Amart Sports or Rebel & join up as a personal member. Then please ask them to link your membership to St Mary's. Please encourage family & friends to do the same.



ST. MARY'S CHOIR 2017

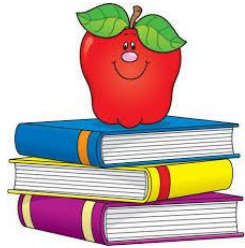
Firstly, I would like to say a very big thankyou to our experienced students who in the second week of school were able to perform wonderfully for our Beginning of Year School Mass last Thursday. Their voices truly added to the celebration of the mass.

The St. Mary's School Choir for 2017 has now officially begun. All students from Years 2 to 6 are more than welcome to join. We rehearse each Wednesday at lunch time. The choir will be singing at all school celebrations this year as well as any other community celebrations that may arise. For any questions that you may have regarding the choir please feel free to contact me.

Looking forward to another wonderful year with our magnificent singers,

Mrs Angela Hamilton

ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au



Can you Help?

Are there any parents who would be willing to cover books at home?

We will send home the contact and the books and you would cover them and return them when they are done.

Please complete the google form via the link attached to this newsletter email.

Thank you very much,

Cathy Sims

P-2 Literacy Leader

Lisa Vella

3-6 Literacy Leader



Parent Helper Training

Are you interested in helping in your child's classroom?

Do you have a current Working With Children Check (or have you applied for one)?

Then come along to our training session in the staffroom

Friday March 3rd from 9 – 10am

Please note: If you have previously done this training, you do not need to do it again. Click the link attached to this newsletter email and complete the google form as an expression of interest.

Hope to see you there.

Cathy Sims

P-2 Literacy Leader.



Year 7, 2018 Enrolment Period is Closing.
Applications for Year 7, 2018 will close on 17 February 2017.

Limited places available for 2017

Applications for Year 7, 2019 will close on 25 August 2017

Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the school on 8398 2000 or emailing the College Registrar, Sherr Collins at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au



Colloquium 2017

Mary MacKillop

"Daughter of Melbourne"



THURSDAY
16th March
&
FRIDAY
17 March
2017

THURSDAY
26th October
&
FRIDAY
27th October
2017

*A Colloquium
exploring
the Life and Spirit
of Saint Mary
of the
Cross MacKillop*

Approved for 8hrs towards
Accreditation
to Teach in a Catholic
School

Applications
for the Colloquium
close Friday
17th February 2017

For application forms please call (03) 9926 9300
or email colleen.odwyer@sosj.org.au