

# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2019

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Dear Parents

What another outstanding "Star Spectacular" performance we witnessed last night as one part of our 2019 "ARTS SPECTACULAR". I have received many, many personal compliments as well as numerous Facebook postings that last night was at least one of the best nights we have had if not THE BEST! Various teachers have also passed onto me the very positive comments they also had received from many, many parents. All of the children gave 110% and had a great time doing it. We are extremely proud of each and every child as I'm sure you are.

While all of the above is about the performance our "ART SHOW" should not be forgotten. It again was an OUTSTANDING DISPLAY of our magnificent Creative Arts program here at St. Mary's with every child having some artistic work displayed. It also seems to be getting more impressive each year.

Such a successful night as this doesn't just happen without a lot of effort from a lot of people. A very, very, sincere THANK YOU to the following people who made a significant contribution to this wonderful evening:

- Mrs Angela Hamilton for her creation and organisation of the performance 'A Star Spectacular'
- Mrs Anthea Zimmerman for her Art Show organisation and presentation.
- All of the staff at St. Mary's School.
- To the Parents & Friends Association, in particular - Andrea Herd and Ben London plus all the parents that helped with cooking, serving, setting up and packing up.

This has traditionally been a very successful evening, and thanks to YOU and our wonderful children it was again an absolutely fantastic evening. THANK YOU and WELL DONE TO ALL INVOLVED.

### SCHOOL MASTERPLAN:

Which is one part of the Parish Masterplan, as tabled for discussion at a number of meetings earlier in the year. The second round of Applications for Government grants close on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 hence the need to move as quickly as possible.

There will be an online version on our school website on Monday and you can email your comments to me. These plans have come out of discussions with the architect & staff and myself and will be on display and I will be present to discuss/explain in the TRI Centre on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30 pm and 6.00 pm. plus Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00 am.

The results of these discussions will then be passed onto the Parish Masterplan Committee who will finalise the submission.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### END OF YEAR MASS:

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 9.15am.** We will farewell our Year 6s as well as staff who are leaving. We will also announce 2020 School Leaders. All parents are welcome to attend.



### CULTURE DAY: 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

As a culmination of our Term 4 work in integrated studies, the JSC has suggested that we have a **Culture Day**. This will be held on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Students can come to school in their national costume, the colours of their ancestry flag or as something significant to their culture. We will have a brief parade of costumes beginning at 9am. We welcome everyone to join in with the dressing up and also welcome parents to the parade.



## HELP NEEDED BY PARENTS AND PAST STUDENTS

On **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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. **If past students intend to come along we need to have permission from their parents by way of an email to Marg Masseni - [mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au)**

We would also welcome parents to come and help. If you can assist please contact the School Office or Marg Masseni via email. Thank you for your help.

**PLEASE NOTE: OUR SCHOOL YEAR ENDS WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. CHILDREN WILL BE DISMISSED AT THE USUAL FINISHING TIME OF 3.20 pm.**

David Kelly  
Principal



## AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Daniel, Samuel and Harry, our November Aussie of the Month students. Go to our school website (NEWS: Aussie of the Month) or check on FB to see their smiling faces and to read about why they are so wonderful.



## PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019

PREP D	Maks C for his great participation at swimming Keanu L for being a good friend and including others
PREP L	Joshua Z for working hard to hear sounds in words when writing Penelope T for always being a good listener
YEAR 1/2D	Ariadne R for always trying and giving every tasks her best effort Mackenzie P for her positive attitude and hard-working approach towards her learning
YEAR 1/2G	Charlotte S for her friendly and positive attitude each day Rush A for his great effort in reading and presenting his character analysis
YEAR 1/2S	Luca B for making such a great effort with all his work Denise T for her great effort with her writing pieces
YEAR 1/2T	Jamie S for working really hard to make a beautiful Advent wreath Thomas Y for correctly answering all the questions first time during our ATSI people task
YEAR 3/4HT	Isabelle M for her fantastic Immigration Presentation Trinity E for her responsible and sensible attitude at Year 4 camp
YEAR 3/4K	Amelie Cowap for always being willing to help others Toby T for showing great leadership skills during Grade 4 camp
YEAR 3/4M	Ruby R for her positive energy and great attitude on Year 4 camp Zali H for her outstanding Immigration Story presentation
YEAR 5/6C	Aidan L for developing a more responsible attitude to his learning Amelia P for being an outstanding student. She is conscientious and loves learning
YEAR 5/6H	Isabella M for continuing to develop her author's voice Callum T for his amazing superhero drawings
YEAR 5/6T	Zedekiah D for his love of learning and positive attitude Dawit T for being a responsible digital citizen



**CHOIR NEWS:** The choir of St. Mary's have been invited to appear at this year's Carols in the Park at Logan Reserve, Altona and we would love to see as many families there as possible. It is being held at **7 pm on December 15<sup>th</sup>** but there will be balloons for the kids and activities starting from 6:30 pm so come early, bring the family, a picnic rug and make a night of it! We will be singing a selection of hits from the playlist from this year's Arts Spectacular and perhaps an abridged Nativity Play, even more reason to come! We would ask that choir members make their way to the reserve by 6:30 pm and find either Mrs Hamilton or Mr Taylor once there. Please let Mrs Hamilton or Mr Taylor know if you can make it ASAP by responding to the Care Monkey note.

# JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

## 2020 Sacrament Dates

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

**Individual Reconciliation. Appointments to be made with Archpriest Michael Kalka during Term 2 of 2020.**

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

**- Saturday 12th September, 2020 at 6:30 pm – Bishop Mark Edwards**

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

**Workshop and commitment mass dates and times for all Sacraments to be communicated in Term 1, 2020.**

## This weekend's Gospel

**Matthew 3: 1–12**



2nd Sunday of Advent



**"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand."**

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## Advent Liturgies

*We remind you that you are warmly invited to join with us in prayer at our upcoming Advent liturgies. Below is a list of dates and times and we hope to see many of you there.*

<b>Advent Liturgy &amp; Theme</b>	<b>Host classes</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>
3rd week of Advent <b>JOY</b>	All Year 1/2 classes	Friday 13th December at 2:30 pm
4th week of Advent <b>LOVE</b>	All Year 3/4 classes	Monday 16th December at 12:50 pm

## Special Dates

**7 Dec** Memorial of St Ambrose  
**8–10 Dec** Australian Catholic Youth Festival  
**9 Dec** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**10 Dec** UN International Human Rights Day  
**13 Dec** Memorial of St Lucy  
**14 Dec** Memorial of St John of the Cross  
**18 Dec** International Migrants Day  
**23–30 Dec** Chanukah – The Festival of Lights (Interfaith: Judaism)  
**24 Dec** Christmas Eve  
**25 Dec** The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)  
**26 Dec** Feast of St Stephen  
**26 Dec** Boxing Day  
**27 Dec** Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist  
**28 Dec** Feast of the Holy Innocents

## Social Justice News

**DURING ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKS OF CHARITY ABOUND!! EACH CLASSROOM AND THE STAFFROOM HAVE A BASKET TO FILL AS A CHRISTMAS HAMPER FOR ST VINCENT De PAUL, ALTONA & JOSEPH'S CORNER, YARRAVILLE. PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO SEND SOMETHING ALONG WITH YOUR CHILD FOR THE HAMPER.**





**THANK YOU.**

*Grace and Noah- Social Justice Leaders*



# Little Roo's Soccer School

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**Teamwork**

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**Fun Learning**

Free soccer uniform included:  
Soccer top  
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ONLY **\$185**  
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10 week program

All Classes run during school terms.  
Monday, Wednesday & Saturdays  
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9369 6888 or visit  
[www.westgateindoorsports.com.au](http://www.westgateindoorsports.com.au)

**Hurry! LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE FOR THIS SEASON**

# Westgate School Holiday Program

Many Activities Includes:  
Soccer . Basketball . Netball . Drama . Arts & Craft . Footy . Plus much more

**Fun Learning**

**Participation**

**Sports & Games**

FROM **\$8\***  
Child Care Subsidy Available

Monday - Friday during all school holidays

Monday - Friday from 7:30am - 6pm  
for Boys & Girls aged 5 - 12 years.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO GET MORE DETAILS:  
[www.westgateindoorsports.com.au](http://www.westgateindoorsports.com.au)  
For Information on Registration CALL:  
**9369 6888**

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## TRY SOMETHING NEW!

OutThere Sailing is open to all 12 -17 yr olds ...  
you don't have to have paddle-boarded before!

OutThere Sailing is an Australian Sailing program aimed at getting 12-17 year olds active on the water.

Have fun with your friends and come and try Stand Up Paddle Boards and Dinghies!

4pm - 6pm, 5th and 12th December 2019  
4pm - 6pm, 13th and 14th January 2020  
4pm - 6pm, 16th and 17th January 2020

**HALF PRICE \$45**

Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, 120 Nelson Place, Williamstown  
[www.rycv.com.au/junior](http://www.rycv.com.au/junior)

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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

- Kids learn to sail at RYCV
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- Beginners welcome 7 - 12 yrs
- OutThere Program for 13 - 17 yrs

**INTRO FROM \$70**

**13 - 24 January 2020**

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