

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2019

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Dear Parents

Thank you to all the families that attended our Beginning of School Year Mass and BBQ last night. Again the Preps stole the show with a very enthusiastic song at the end of mass. Congratulations to all of our School Leaders and Junior School Council Representatives who were presented with their leadership badges at the conclusion of the mass.

Thank you to:

Matt Taylor (our new Religious Education Leader) for his preparation & organisation of the mass.

Angela Hamilton (Our Performing Arts teacher) for her preparation & organisation of the music and the choir. To Valda Pedley (School Office) for her assistance with the choir.

Thank you to all the staff for their attendance at the mass & the BBQ afterwards.

And a Special Thank you to Andrea Herd, Ben London and the P & F for their organisation of the BBQ.

Thank you also to the many parents that helped with:

the set-up, cooking and/or the clean-up at the conclusion of the night.

Again a very successful and enjoyable night.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DATA COLLECTION:

Attached to this week's newsletter email are two important documents explaining the New Australian Government Data Collection. Please read carefully. We need to upload this information by the 7th March. If there has been any recent change to your residential address please make sure we have been updated.

PREP & YEAR 6 & BUDDY FAMILY NIGHT:

This is on next Friday 1st March, from 6.00 - 8.00 pm. in the area adjacent to the school hall. Parking will be available on the netball court. Enter via Sargood Street. BYO - food and picnic rug. Drinks can be purchased in the hall. Once everyone has eaten our House Captains will organise some fun activities. Looking forward to seeing you on the night.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:

Is Thursday 7th March. Out of School Hours Care will operate on this day even if we don't have the required number of children booked in. Camp Australia have kindly offered to cover any costs due to lack of numbers however parents who require the service will need to book in ASAP.

PARENT NIGHT: Michelle Curmi (Psychologist)

Ms Michelle Curmi has been engaged by the school to provide psychological support to both children and families this year. Michelle will run a parent night on Tuesday 26th February from 7 - 8 pm at which she will speak not only about her services but also about anxiety in general, the effects it can have on children in this day and age and some strategies for coping with it. An expression of interest has been sent via Care Monkey. Child minding will be available.

David Kelly
Principal

2019 Sacrament Dates

Confirmation

Confirmation: – Rite of Commitment Masses weekend:

2 March 9:15 and 6 pm

OR

3 March 8:30 and 10:30 am

Confirmation: - Family Workshop:

Tuesday 5th March. School Hall: 5 pm OR 7 pm

Facilitated by Michelle Linossier



Confirmation: - Friday, 26th April, at 7 pm

(Week 1 of Term 2)

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

Reconciliation

Reconciliation: – Rite of Commitment Masses weekend:

4 May 9:15 and 6 pm

OR

5 May 8:30 and 10:30 am

Reconciliation: - Family Workshop:

Wednesday 29th May. School Hall: 7 pm

Facilitated by Maria Forde



Reconciliation: - Sacrament by appointment with Archpriest Michael Kalka

Eucharist

Eucharist: – Family Workshop:

Wednesday 17th July. School Hall: 5 pm OR 7 pm

Facilitated by Michelle Linossier

Eucharist: – Shared meal:

Tuesday 6th August. School Hall: 6 - 7:30 pm

Eucharist: -

Saturday, 10th August, 6pm

Saturday, 17th August, 6pm

Bookings for the Sacrament of Eucharist will use the school interviews booking site and will open on Friday the 1st of March. A note regarding the log on and other details will go home to all families concerned via CareMonkey in Week 5.



Term 1 Special Dates

1 Mar World Day of Prayer
1 Mar 3/4HT attending parish mass at 9:15 am
6 Mar Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9:15 am
10-17 Mar Catholic Education Week
18 Mar 5/6H Prayer Assembly
1 Apr 3/4HT Prayer Assembly



This weekend's Gospel



Luke 6: 27–38
*Be merciful as
your Father is
merciful*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



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



Weekly Class Masses

**On Friday 22nd February the Year 5/6's
attended the 9:15am parish mass.**



***This marks the beginning of regular class
attendance and participation in our parish
masses.***

***When classes are scheduled to attend Mass,
family and friends will be invited to sit,
celebrate and join with the children in
prayer and participation in the liturgy.***

TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 25th February 2019

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

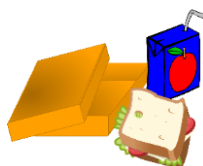
Friday: **Rosemary Ciavarella**

Manager: Amy Xu **Tel: 9315 0799**

Our Tuckshop operates at recess and lunchtime each day of the week.

Any parents that could assist in the tuckshop either on a regular or ad hoc basis would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact the school office if you are able to assist. Tuckshop list and prices are on the school website.





PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 18th February 2019

PREP D	Logan M for his dedication and friendly attitude towards all school activities
PREP L	Chalia B for taking the time to make her work look neat
YEAR 1/2D	Alessio B for his excellent efforts with skip counting
YEAR 1/2G	Ivan D for his beautiful handwriting and positive attitude towards tasks
YEAR 1/2S	Claudia J for using a growth mindset when working
YEAR 1/2T	Charlie W for showing excellent leadership skills and being an excellent classroom helper
YEAR 3/4HT	Xavier A for his great effort when working in his reading group
YEAR 3/4K	Charlotte L for being a helpful member of 3/4K
YEAR 3/4M	Xavier B for his fantastic attitude and insightful contributions in Reading activities
YEAR 5/6C	Zali M for her attentive listening and working co-operatively in group work
YEAR 5/6H	Ava D for showing initiative when leading class meetings and demonstrating kindness to her class peers
YEAR 5/6T	Bryanna W for her organised and enthusiastic participation in all class activities



Mount St. Joseph Girls' College

OPEN DATES 2019



Open Day
10:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday 2 June

Open Mornings
9:15am - 10:30am
Thursday 28 February
Thursday 28 March
Thursday 2 May
Thursday 27 June
Thursday 15 August
Thursday 13 September
Thursday 17 October
Thursday 14 November

For more information or to register online go to: www.msj.vic.edu.au

Learn music

here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play
GUITAR or KEYBOARD
here at St. Mary's.


Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.


Tuition costs from \$17.00 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2019.

Interested parents should call Brenda during office hours on 9818 2333 or email brenda@creativemusic.com.au

 **Creative Music**
www.creativemusic.com.au



ASHES to EASTER



CONCERT-REFLECTION with PETER KEARNEY

A prayerful sequence of songs and stories on Lenten and Easter themes.


Tuesday 2nd April
7.30-8.30pm
Mary Help of Christians Church
97 Railway Street North
ALTONA
\$5 at door

The program includes traditional / contemporary Easter carols and remarkable songs by the great English songwriter, Sydney Carter (who wrote 'Lord of the Dance'). The concert program is mainly for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy it.

Peter Kearney has made music his full time work and ministry since 1982. His earliest songs: 'Fill My House' and 'The Beattitudes' are internationally known. This is Our School' has been adopted as a school song by hundreds of Australian schools.

Peter has the special gift of making the stories and message of Jesus relevant to our modern daily life. (Val Patterson MSC)

Website: peterkearneysongs.com.au



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, 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 is 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

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

