

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2019

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No. 5 1st March, 2019

Dear Parents

Unfortunately due to the extreme hot weather at the moment we have postponed our Prep & Year 6 Buddy Family Night that was planned for tonight. It will now be held on Friday 15th March. All the other details remain the same. All families involved have received a new Caremonkey notification, please respond so we are aware of who is able to attend. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

These are taking place next Tuesday 5th March. Please make sure children are in correct summer uniform. Photo envelopes should be brought to school by the children on the day.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:

Is next Thursday 7th March. Out of School Hours Care is operating on this day but will only accept children that have been booked in. So if you require the service please make sure you book through Camp Australia. On this day staff will be preparing for our four yearly School Review, which will take place in June.

PARENT NIGHT:

Thank you to the 52 parents that attended this week's information session by psychologist Michelle Curmi. A very interesting and informative session especially around some useful strategies to assist children suffering from anxiety.



15th MARCH 2019

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE
"TAKE ACTION EVERY DAY"

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

- Wear a **SPLASH OF ORANGE** (with school uniform)
- Give someone a **SMILE** and show that you **CARE** about them
- Talk with your children about Bullying

Students will be talking about bullying in their classrooms – what bullying means, what to do if they are bullied, what to do if they see someone being bullied and most importantly about the importance of respecting and getting along well with others.

So for your information....

What is Bullying?

Bullying is repeated negative behaviour towards someone else.

Bullying is not a one-off case. A one-off case is really a conflict.

Bullying is much more than a conflict over some issue. It happens over and over again. It's this relentless nature of bullying that wears people down. Sometimes the form of the bullying changes, for example, name calling may change to threatening someone or destroying their belongings. Some victims have reported being mistreated in several different ways by the same bullies.

David Kelly
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2019 Sacrament Dates

Confirmation

Confirmation: – Rite of Commitment Masses:

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:

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

These are made directly through the parish office and will open in Term 2

Please do not contact the parish office before Term 2

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

All school families and friends are invited to celebrate with us and begin their Lenten journey next week on Ash Wednesday, 6th March at the parish mass at 9.15am.

Please join the children in this special mass.

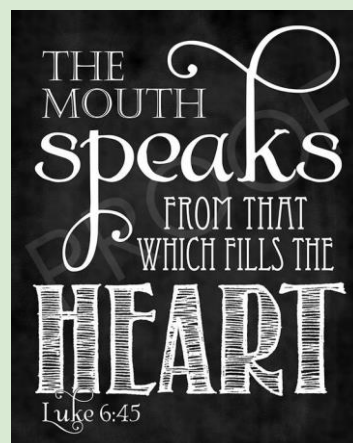


Term 1 Special Dates

5 Mar Shrove Tuesday
 6 Mar Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9:15 am
 6 Mar - 21 Apr Project Compassion
 8 Mar International Women's Day
 10-17 Mar Catholic Education Week
 14 Mar 3/4HM attending parish mass at 9:15 am
 18 Mar 5/6H Prayer Assembly
 1 Apr 3/4HT Prayer Assembly



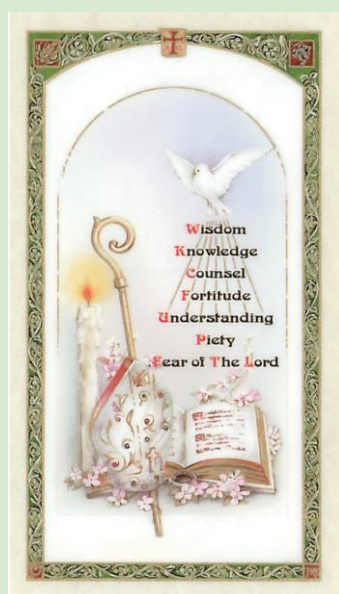
This weekend's Gospel



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

* Our Confirmation candidates as they begin their journey this weekend in preparation for the Sacrament



Weekly Class Masses

On Friday 1st March Year 3/4HT attended the 9:15am parish mass.

It was fantastic to have another class attend and participate in our parish mass.



We look forward to Year 3/4M leading the readings at the 9:15 am mass on Thursday 14th March during Catholic Education Week.

A reminder that 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.



PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 25th February 2019

PREP D	Esther T for helping her classmates with writing numbers in Maths
PREP L	Sophie M for working hard to hear some sounds in words when writing
YEAR 1/2D	Jakub W for making excellent predictions during reading
YEAR 1/2G	Rush A for his great efforts and positive attitude towards learning
YEAR 1/2S	Anya A for writing such a great recount about her playdate
YEAR 1/2T	Chloe M for always putting 100% into her classwork and coming to school ready and excited to learn every day
YEAR 3/4HT	Skyler M for her great reading efforts and support of others in her Reading
YEAR 3/4K	Skye A for putting in a great effort when learning about subject and predicate
YEAR 3/4M	Ryan T for his hard work in writing descriptive compound sentences
YEAR 5/6C	Keiana C for being such a positive and responsible member of the class
YEAR 5/6H	Gemma D for her positive mindset and have a go attitude when working on maths tasks
YEAR 5/6T	Angus H for his commitment to using his class time effectively

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

Round One: Home against Altona North

Basketball	Girls	70 - 8	Won
	Mixed	60 - 0	Won
Volleyball	Girls	2 - 0	Won
	Mixed	No Altona North team	Won
Softball	Girls	No Altona North team	Won
	Mixed	27 - 0	Won
Hotshots Tennis	Girls	4 - 8	Lost
	Mixed	5 - 7	Lost

KITS4KIDS - VANUATU PROJECT:

On Monday the 25th of February at our school assembly, our school captains and social justice leaders along with Gemma launched the Kits4Kids project. This project is a joint initiative with the captains and social justice leaders from Emmanuel College. This project aims to help kids in Vanuatu who don't go to school or don't have what they need to learn when they go.

In Vanuatu unless you are rich you don't go to normal school, you go to rural school which is just kids learning in a circle in the dirt. The goal of the project is to collect stationary and school supplies for these kids. We are asking people to donate anything that they have at home that they no longer need or is leftover from another year.

The types of things that we are trying to get people to donate are stationary like writing pencils, pens, textas, coloured pencils, rulers and exercise books as well as reading books still in good condition. There is a washing basket in each classroom to collect all of the donations. At the end of the project we will organise all of the donated goods to make kits to give to the kids of Vanuatu.

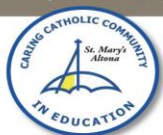
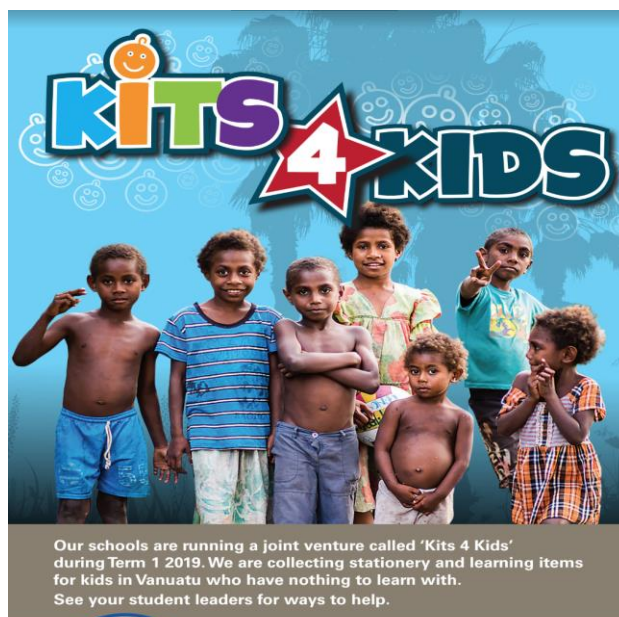
Our idea is for each class to donate enough stuff to make a kit from each classroom that would suit a class in Vanuatu. There have been posters placed in classrooms and around the school and in the parish bulletin and the project team will be speaking to classes about this project in the future.

This project is designed to finish at the end of Week 9, so that means on Friday 29th of March we will be collecting all of the baskets to organise the donations.

In the spirit of Saint Mary of the Cross, *"we cannot see this need without doing anything about it"*.

We thank you for the generous donations which have already come in and in anticipation for your continued support of our project.

Zed, Zaii, Kiana, Shannon, Noah, Grace & Gemma



UPCOMING LOUIS JOEL CENTRE EVENTS

An Afternoon with John Shaw Neilson

Have you met Australia's most original and lyrical poet? Join us for an afternoon journey into the life of this remarkable man, his story, his history and his poetry—and a delicious afternoon tea.

Saturday 16 March 2019

2pm-4pm (afternoon tea included)

Community Event (Free—bookings essential)

Phone 9398 2511 or email admin@ljac.com.au

The Orange Tree Concert - John Shaw Neilson

A delightful afternoon of music, poetry and scrumptious afternoon tea. Presented by John Shaw Neilson Society, Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre, Joel Gallery and the Altona-Laverton Historical Society.

Sunday 17 March

1pm-3pm (afternoon tea included)

Cost: \$15 per person | Members of John Shaw Neilson Society: \$10

Bookings essential: phone 9398 2511 or email admin@ljac.com.au

ST. MARY'S CHOIR NEWS



Thank you to all the choir members from Years 3-6 who have continued on, or rejoined, as members of St. Mary's School Choir this year. As usual your singing was outstanding at the Opening School Mass. And they have already been rehearsing to sing at our parish Ash Wednesday Mass next week. It's been a busy start to the year for them.

Keep on eye out Year 2's for an invitation to join our choir soon!!

St. Mary's Community are very proud to have you all!!

Some of our choir members before the Opening School Mass last Thursday.



Mrs. Angela Hamilton: Performing Arts Specialist ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 4th March 2019

Monday:

Tuesday:

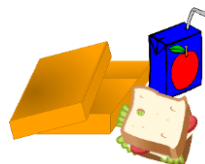
Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: **Paula Luppino**

Manager: **Amy Xu**

Tel: 9315 0799



BECOME A FOSTER CARER!

All sorts of people make great Foster Carers.

They are tradesmen, nurses, sales reps, shop assistants, teachers etc. They are couples, singles, from different cultural backgrounds, with or without their own children. They are people who have the desire to give a child a safe and welcoming place to stay.

Our next information session is on **Tuesday 16th April @ 6.30pm to 7.30pm** in the Yarraville area. **Come along to find out more & have your questions answered.** To book or to receive an information package please contact Deb Lord-Webster on 93967400 or deb.lordwebster@anglicarevic.org.au.

It is easy to become an Anglicare Foster Carer, call us NOW to talk about how You will make all the difference!



MEET THE PRINCIPAL



ST PAUL'S CAMPUS
Wednesday 6 March
Commencing at 9.00am

NOTRE DAME CAMPUS
Thursday 14 March
Commencing at 9.00am

 **Emmanuel College**

Ph: 5325 5100   
www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

 **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

 **2 DAY JUNIOR BASKETBALL CAMP**

\$175

ALTONA SPORTS CENTRE
Thursday 11th & Friday 12th April
290 Queen Street, Altona Meadows

TACKERS



from \$50pp

at RYCV Williamstown

EASTER HOLIDAYS SAILING

- Get kids off-line and on a boat!
- Nationally Qualified Instructors
- Beginners welcome from 7-12 year olds

8 to 12 April 9am to 12.30pm (intermediate)
8 to 12 April 1pm to 4.30pm (advanced)
15 to 18 April 9am to 1.30pm (beginners)

03 9397 1277
rycv.com.au/training



FED UP WITH FOOTBALL? SICK OF SOCCER?



PLAY LACROSSE FOR ALTONA

Come and play the fastest game on two feet!
Altona Lacrosse Club is looking for boys and girls of all ages to join us in 2019.

Where: PJ Lynch Reserve, Paisley Park, North Altona.
When: Tues & Thurs evenings from 6 - 7pm.

For more information contact Gareth McLean
phone: 0419 56 55 66
email: recruitment@altonalacrosse.com.au
www.altonalacrosse.com.au

No equipment required - we supply everything.



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.

