

# St. Mary's School, Altona

## Newsletter 2018

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NO. 5 2nd March 2018

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:

Olive Chodowski (our R.E.L.) for her preparation & organisation of the mass.

Angela Hamilton (Our Performing Arts teacher) for her preparation & organisation of the music and 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 & 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.

### NEW AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Commencing this Monday 5th March there will be a teacher on Playground Duty after school, on the Basketball Court / Senior Adventure Playground (Mondays 3.00 - 3.15 pm & Tuesday - Friday 3.20 - 3.35 pm. Same times as the existing after school duty). The following conditions apply. No ball or organised games are allowed. Only children in Years Three - Six are allowed on the Senior Adventure Playground. Bikes / scooters are to be walked across the playground. Hopefully this will eliminate some of the problems we have been having in this area. If you now wish to ask your child to wait for you in this area (perhaps due to easier parking in McBain St than Sargood St) then it is okay to do so as we will now have a teacher supervising in this area.

### PARENTS & FRIENDS

Thank you to Jarrod Pye & Lisa Curran for their organisation of last weekend's Bunnings BBQ. The school made \$1,555.80 profit. Which will go towards our budgeted expenditure this year on improving the quality of our Take Home Readers & our Guided Reading books. Thank you to the many parents that offered to work the stall and the school parents that turned up to purchase food and a drink. Thanks to all involved.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS - Tuesday 6th March

A few reminders...

- Photos begin at 9am so please don't be late to school.
- All students will need to wear their full school summer uniform for photos.
- All students need to have their photographs envelopes with them on the day
- House Captains will need to bring (not wear) their coloured sports tops for their House Captain group photo.
- Year 1/2 students who have Physical Education on Tuesday may choose to bring their runners to school to change into after photos have been taken.

**PLEASE NOTE: No cash/change is kept at the school office**

## FUN AND FITNESS

It's that time of year...now that school swimming is over, it's time to start our FUN AND FITNESS sessions once again. FUN AND FITNESS has been running at St. Mary's for well over 8 years and we are hoping that this year will be just as good as the rest.

**WHEN?** Every Wednesday morning 8 – 8.30 am

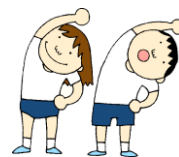
**WHERE?** School basketball court

**WHO?** Prep – Year 6 students, parents and siblings are all welcome to attend.

**WHAT?** Participate in loads of fun games and activities

**RUN BY?** Marg Masseni (or other staff on occasions)

COME ALONG NEXT WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AND JOIN IN THE FUN.



## Healthy Breakfast

**When:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Time:** 7.30am

**Where:** School Hall



**Why:** To show the kids how quick and simple a healthy breakfast can be! Afterwards join in for **Fun and Fitness** 8am on the basketball court

**RSVP Essential by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Complete the Google Form linked to today's newsletter email.**

**The breakfast has been organised by Penny Ealem (Hannah - Year 6) for many years.**

This will be Penny's last year of organising this event and we would love for someone to shadow her this year with a view to taking over the reins in 2019. Can you help?

Please tick the box on the Google form!



Thanks to everyone who came to school in an active way last week. It was also great to see so many people join our Walking School Buses. 50% of our students came to school in an active way.

Our most active house team was YELLOW team.

**Our Next Walk / Ride to School Day will be on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY.** Our Walking School Buses will run on that day.



## 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 9th 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.

## ONE DAY ONLY BOOKFAIR

A HUGE thank you to all the staff, students and parents who made our One Day Book Fair on Monday such a great success! Adding together our incentive for running the Fair and our commission on sales, we were able to select over \$500 of books for our school. These books will be added to our library and used in our middle and senior literacy areas.

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

### 2018 Sacrament Dates

#### TERM ONE:

**Confirmation: - Family Workshop: Wednesday 7th March. School Hall: 7pm**

**Confirmation: - Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, at 7pm**

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

### PRAYER ASSEMBLY

*Our first Prayer Assembly will be celebrated this **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March** by our **Year 5/6L** students. They will focus on Confirmation. Please come along to pray, celebrate and sing with the children.*



**"May God bless and keep you all."** 16-5-1873

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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



Our Year Six Confirmation candidates as they begin their preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### Social Justice News

#### PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISING

This term our Social Justice endeavour has been to fundraise for Caritas Australia's annual Lenten Project Compassion Appeal. Project Compassion brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Each classroom has a Project Compassion money box. Please support our efforts for Lent by giving your child/ren a 'coin' to place in their class money box. Great effort 3/4M who raised \$18 last week – well done!!

Ciara & Anthony  
Social Justice Leaders

#### Weekly Class Mass

**On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March Year 3/4V 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

There will be a **Communion Service**, every first Wednesday of the month beginning with this Wednesday, 7th March at 9.15am.

**People Come First** – A Parish Reflection on the Pastoral Theology of Pope Francis. Conducted by Br Mark O'Connor FMS. M. Theol., M. Phil. at Mary Help of Christians Parish (Narthex) on **Tuesday, March 13th** at 7.30pm. The reflection will explore some of the key pastoral themes of Pope Francis.

#### **World Day of Prayer** – March 2018.

All God's Creation is Very Good!

All parishioners are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 2nd March at 2pm (Service & afternoon Tea) at St. Eanswythe's Anglican Church, Queen Street, Altona.

#### **Altona Alive Youth Group** –

Members of this group are invited to a meeting with Archpriest Michael Kalka in the Narthex on Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there.

#### **House for Free!**

Later this year, the Parish Office at St Simon's Parish, Rowville will be replaced. Currently the office is housed in a large, portable building which could be a substantial family home of 5 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen etc. The building is available at no cost to anyone who is willing to remove it and transport it (probably during May) to a new location. For further information, please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360) or Brian Dalton (0419 349 382).

#### **Healing Mass** –

Parishioners please note for the time being the Healing Mass will alternate monthly between Friday and Saturday. (i.e. Fri 2nd March; Sat 7th April; Fri 4th May; Sat 2nd June etc.)

#### **Stations of the Cross** –

Will take place in the Church and will alternate each week between 9:45am & 7pm. The next Stations of the Cross will be on Friday, 9th March at 9.45am.



## PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

PREP D	Ariadne R for being a caring classmate
PREP S	Alisha S for always putting her hand up to answer questions
YEAR 1/2G	Leyla F for her hard work during reading time
YEAR 1/2S	Minh-Phi T for such beautiful, expressive reading
YEAR 1/2K	Cooper T for writing a fantastic recount about the weekend
YEAR 1/2D	Ashley T for working consistently well during class time and striving to search for nouns and adjectives during independent reading
YEAR 3/4M	Thomas H for his fantastic dedication to his learning, showing a great growth mindset
YEAR 3/4HK	Keyon'Dre F for his great efforts in staying focused on tasks and finishing his work
YEAR 3/4V	Sam P for helping others solve digital tech problems
YEAR 5/6C	Alana V for her love of learning and her positive approach to all tasks
YEAR 5/6L	Bridie O for her eager participation during Maths
YEAR 5/6H	Jordan S because he conducts himself in a responsible, polite and thoughtful way at all times in the classroom

### FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

If you have thought about foster care, please get in touch and ask the questions you have always wanted to.

Ring: Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE

Email: [info@keyassets.com.au](mailto:info@keyassets.com.au)

Web: [canifoster.com.au](http://canifoster.com.au) or [keyassets.com.au](http://keyassets.com.au)

What will happen? Interested families would receive a brochure, information and no pressure!



### TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018



Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

Paula Luppino

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799


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

### INTER-SCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

Round Two: Away against Altona North Primary School

<b>Basketball</b>	girls	4 – 24	won
	mixed	4 – 14	won
<b>Volleyball</b>	girls		won by default
	mixed	0 – 2	won
<b>Softball</b>	girls		won by default
	mixed	1 – 21	won
<b>Hotshots</b>	girls	7 – 2	we lost
	mixed	4 – 8	we lost






# Meet the Principal

**Wednesday 7 March**  
Commencing at 9.00am

**St Paul's Campus**  
423 Blackshaws Road  
Altona North

*Pursuing personal best* ★

 **Emmanuel College**  
Ph: 8325 5100  
[www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au)

## Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard here at St Mary's Altona.

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 \$16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2018.

Interested parents should call Fiona during office hours on 9818 2333 or email [fiona@creativemusic.com.au](mailto:fiona@creativemusic.com.au)

 **Creative Music**  
[www.creativemusic.com.au](http://www.creativemusic.com.au)



### Mount St Joseph Girls' College

**Open Morning**  
**Thursday 15 March 2018**  
9.15am – 10.30am

Limited places available for **2018** and **2019**

**Year 7, 2020 Enrolment Applications due 3 August 2018**

Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website [www.msj.vic.edu.au](http://www.msj.vic.edu.au) or by contacting the school on 8398 2000 or emailing the College Registrar, Sherri Collins at [registrar@msj.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@msj.vic.edu.au)