

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2019

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Dear Parents

St. Mary's Footy Tipping Competition is back on again. Go to www.footytips.com.au and the competition you choose to join is called: St Marys School Altona. For members last year you simply need to reactivate your account. For new members please fill in your details and you are in. You will receive an email welcoming you to St Marys School Altona's competition. As well as being great fun and an opportunity to win prizes it is also a fundraiser for our school. Half of the money raised goes to the school and the other half is distributed in weekly prizes and at the end of the season.

Anyone can join, "THE MORE THE MERRIER". It's \$25 per person or \$45 for two tippers. Once you have joined or reactivated please send your money to school in a clearly marked envelope, "Footy Tips" and your name/s. The first game is less than 2 weeks away (Thursday 21st March). Any difficulty please contact me at school or via email

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CYBER SAFETY:

On Tuesday 12th March, we have the Cybersafety Project coming to school to run presentations with all of our students from Prep – Year 6, our staff and also a workshop for the 5/6 students and their parents. Presentations will run throughout the day and the workshop will begin at 7pm sharp and will run for approximately 1.5hrs.

For children today, growing up digital is a whole new world. Learning safe practices and strategies for maintaining a positive digital reputation starts in the home. It takes a village to raise a child, so understanding what your children are learning at school is crucial in ensuring the messages are consistent and ongoing.

Healthy Breakfast

Each year we have run a Healthy Breakfast in term 1.

Are there any parents who would be able to help organise it this year?

Please contact Marg Masseni via email mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au – or via the school office.



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

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

If you would like your child to see Michelle Curmi, the school psychologist, please obtain a Mental Health Plan and send to school attention Mrs Masseni. Marg will arrange for the referral to be passed on to Michelle. For more information email Marg - mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au or contact her via the school office.

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY 2019

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

Join more than 350,000 students across the nation, who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school.



NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL WALKING SCHOOL BUSES

Our Walking School Buses will run on **Friday 22nd March** – National Ride to School Day.

A Care Monkey note will be sent next week asking for expressions of interest.

We'd love to see as many students and families coming to school in an active way as possible.

ENJOY THE LONG WEEKEND!

David Kelly
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2019 Sacrament Dates

Confirmation

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 went home to all families concerned via CareMonkey in Week 5.





ASH WEDNESDAY

As we began our Lenten journey on Wednesday, it was lovely to see parents and friends join with us for this special mass.

Term 1 Special Dates

6 Mar - 21 Apr Project Compassion
8 Mar International Women's Day
10 Mar First Sunday of Lent
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



Our Confirmation candidates have had a busy and Spirit filled week, attending their commitment masses last weekend and working with Michele Linossier in a family workshop on Tuesday night.

May the Lord watch over them as they continue on their journey, called to Confirmation.

This weekend's Gospel



Luke 4: 1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

* All members of our school community who are



sick or in need of our prayerful support.

* Our Confirmation candidates as they continue their journey in preparation for the Sacrament

Weekly Class Masses

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.

Social Justice News

PROJECT COMPASSION & Kits 4 Kids FUNDRAISING

So far this term our Social Justice endeavour has been to fundraise for Kits 4 Kids, our joint project with Emmanuel College to collect stationary and school supplies for those less fortunate in Vanuatu. Caritas Australia's annual Lenten Project Compassion Appeal also began on Ash Wednesday. Project Compassion brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

We believe we can support both of these projects as a part of our mission as Australian Catholics as one is asking for surplus stationary whilst the other is asking for surplus coins. 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.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

The Catholic agency
for international aid
and development

www.caritas.org.au 1800 024 413
#projectcompassion



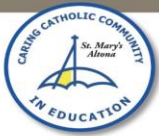
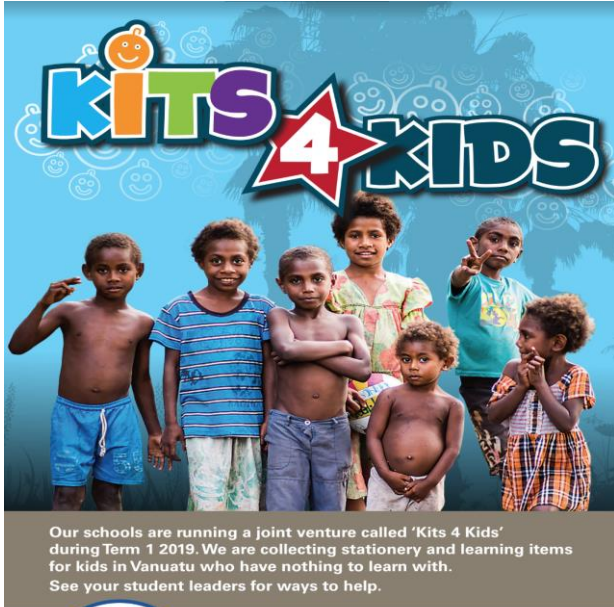
First Sunday of Lent
10th March 2019



Thandolwayo, a 12-year-old girl in Zimbabwe, would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. She then went to school exhausted from hours fetching and carrying water. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water, helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Remember to send in your unused stationary items by Friday 29th March.
There is a washing basket in each classroom for collection purposes.
Thanks for your generosity.



Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem

O Lord and Master of my life,
 Keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power and idle chatter.
 Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, patience and love.
 O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brothers and sisters.
 For You are blessed now and forever and ever.
 Amen



Congratulations to Thomas, Tiana & James, our February Aussie of the Month students. [Click here](#) to see their smiling faces and to read about why they are so wonderful.



PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 4th March 2019

PREP D	Angus R for his great efforts in listening and waiting patiently
PREP L	Aston G for his excellent matching of words with their initial sound.
YEAR 1/2D	Mackenzie P for working hard to write a sizzling start in her narrative writing
YEAR 1/2G	Tia A for her enthusiastic attitude towards reading
YEAR 1/2S	Denise T for being an amazing classroom helper
YEAR 1/2T	Jamie S for always putting in 100% in all he does, in and out of the classroom
YEAR 3/4HT	Levi M for his beautiful handwriting and for putting so much effort into completing tasks well
YEAR 3/4K	Ruby W for her persistence during Reading
YEAR 3/4M	Christos G for taking risks in his learning and challenging himself in Maths
YEAR 5/6C	Amelia P for her enthusiasm for learning and being a considerate member of the class
YEAR 5/6H	Michael M for his consistent efforts with concentration and application to learning
YEAR 5/6T	Jamison L for maintaining a positive attitude towards his learning during class time

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

Round Three: Away against Seaholme

Basketball	Girls	40	4
	Mixed	6	36
Volleyball	Girls	2	0
	Mixed	1	2
Softball	Girls	17	5
	Mixed	19	3
Hotshots Tennis	Girls	4	8
	Mixed	9	2

TUCKSHOP HELPERS – Week Beginning 11th March 2019

Monday:

Tuesday:

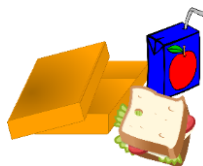
Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: **Antoinette**

Manager: Amy Xu

Tel: 9315 0799



WRITE BY THE BAY

Students in Grades Prep through Year 12 are invited to enter their creative writing into the seventeenth annual Write by the Bay competition. There are three categories (short story, poetry, song writing) and students are permitted to submit one entry per category. There is also a class competition – all schools have received emails and letters with information regarding this. Cash

prizes are up for grabs, as well as the chance to have your writing published!

Competition closes Sunday 28 April 2019. All entries must be submitted

via <http://libraries.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/children/write-by-the-bay-2019>

Andy Griffiths will present prizes at the Write by the Bay Awards Night on Thursday 6 June. Don't forget to book in via the library website!



YOUNG ADAS SHORT STORY PRIZE

Students aged 14 to 18 years old are eligible to enter this short story competition. Conditions of entry are available online. First prize is \$250 and will be published in the annual Ada Cambridge book. Competition closes Monday 25 March 2019. Entries must be submitted via <http://libraries.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au>



AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Primary aged children are invited to join us at the libraries for fun, free and fantastic fun these school holidays. Bookings open soon – check out <http://libraries.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/whats-on/event-calendar/children/2074-autumn-school-holiday-program> for more information.



CRE8TIVE KIDS CLUB

Cre8tive Kids Club is a drop-in after-school session for primary school kids offering a range of STEAM-focused activities such as craft, construction, science, robotics and more! This program runs weekly during school terms. No bookings required. Each branch has its own session 4pm – 5pm. Check out <http://libraries.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/children/cre8tivekidsclub> for days and more information.



“I SLEPT THROUGH MY FIRST LABOUR. I’M FINE”

Parents are invited to join author Megan Blandford as she explores her experiences with postnatal depression. Megan will share her true story of motherhood, the challenges it presents and the hope that can be found within it.

Tuesday 2 April

Altona North Community Library

6.30pm to 7.30pm

Book via [https://libraries.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/whats-on/event-](https://libraries.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/whats-on/event-calendar/community-learning/2044-i-slept-through-my-first-labour)

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RAISING CHILDREN IN A MULTICULTURAL WORLD

Local children's author, Amal Abou-Eid, is joining us to share her experiences of bringing up Muslim children in Melbourne's western suburbs. She shares her tips and tricks and answers your questions (no matter how curly!) about how to talk about multiculturalism with your kids. Parents and pre-school aged children are welcome to join us for this informal chat and morning tea.

Wednesday 20 March

11am – 12pm

Newport Community Hub

Book via <http://libraries.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/whats-on/event-calendar/children/2031-raising-children-in-a-multicultural-world>

NOTRE DAME CAMPUS



MEET THE PRINCIPAL

Thursday 14 March
Commencing at 9.00am

Pursuing personal best ★



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