



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

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Our first **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY** of the year is **NEXT TUESDAY, 14 MARCH**. On this day teachers will be working on implementing changes in content and structure of our Half Year Reports as per Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV) Guidelines. More information will be circulated during term two and closer to the Reports coming home at the end of term two.



17th MARCH – A BUSY DAY AT ST. MARY'S... WHAT'S ON?

- NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE
- NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
- WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY with WALKING SCHOOL BUSES

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

- Wear a **SPLASH OF ORANGE** (with school uniform)
- Come to school in an **ACTIVE WAY**
- Join one of the **Walking School Buses** (Complete the Google Form)
- Give someone a **SMILE** and show that you **CARE** about them
- **WEAVE a STAR** (see the information below and on our website)
- **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.

What do we tell the children? We use our strategies designed by our JSC in recent years.

1...2...3 You can count on me!

ONE...Stop, Look and Listen to see what is happening.

TWO...Ask the person who you think is being 'bullied' can you help them?

THREE...Tell the person/persons to STOP or seek help from an adult.



STOP..... I don't like it.

STOP – calling me names, teasing me, and taking my things (name the behaviour)



READING EGGS / READING EGSPRESS:

At the end of 2016, our school purchased a subscription for each child to use the online resource Reading Eggs / Reading Eggspress.

Reading Eggs makes learning to read interesting and engaging for students, with great online reading games and activities.

Reading Eggspress makes reading real books, improving spelling skills and building reading comprehension highly engaging for children aged 7 to 13.

This subscription entitles each child in the school access to the program not only at school but also at home. To do this, your child needs to have their own login and password which can be obtained from their classroom teacher.

This is a valuable resource that can reinforce skills that are being taught in a fun and interactive way.

If you would like any further information please speak with your child's teacher and/or our Literacy Leaders Cathy Sims & Lisa Vella



FOOTY TIPPING:

There are only 13 days until the season starts. So if you want to be in our Footy Tipping Competition you need to join **NOW!** Go to www.footytips.com.au and the competition you choose to join is **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 our 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. It's \$25 per person or \$45 for two tippers. Once you have joined please send your money to school in a clearly marked envelope "Footy Tips" and your name/s. Any difficulty please contact me at school or via email dkelly@smaltona.catholic.edu.au.



In support of **Embracing 2018** and the **One Million Stars to End Violence project**, we have pledged to weave at least **200 stars** in the lead up to the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on 17th March. Read more: <http://www.onemillionstars.net/>

Each star woven will represent the school's commitment towards a bullying and violence free environment.

The stars made will also contribute to the massive public art installation as part of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

The Year 5/6 classes are leading the challenge. They will begin weaving this week.

If you would like to weave some for us, watch the video via the link below to find out how and...give it a try!

Send any stars you weave to 5/6L classroom or to Marg Masseni via the school office.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSjyDqztzaQ>

OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

These will take place on Monday 27th March.

Please click on the Interviews Icon on our website and follow the simple instructions.

The School Event Code is: 4bn79.

If you are not available on the allocated date please contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually suitable time.

Online bookings are open now and will close on Friday 24th March.

David Kelly,
Principal.

IMPORTANT DATES

| Date | Event | Time |
|------|---|-----------------|
| 13/3 | Labour Day Holiday | |
| 14/3 | School Closure Day | |
| 16/3 | Divisional Swimming | 9am – 3.30pm |
| 17/3 | Inter school sports Rd 5 @ Home Vs Williamstown Nth | 9am – 11am |
| 20/3 | Class Assembly 1/2S | 2.20pm -3.00pm |
| 22/3 | Sacrament of Reconciliation | 7pm – 8pm |
| 24/3 | Inter school sports Round Robin Final | |
| 27/3 | Class Assembly 1/2N | 2.20pm – 3.00pm |
| | Parents & Teacher conferences | 3.15pm – 5.30pm |
| 28/3 | WMR Swimming | 9am – 3.30pm |
| 31/3 | End of Term One | 2.30pm |
| 18/4 | Start of Term Two (Tuesday) | 8.45am |

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Reconciliation Dates:

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Wednesday, 22nd March at 7pm.

The theme for Catholic Education Week, which we will celebrate from 12–19 March, is ***Moved by the Love of Christ.***

This theme is drawn from a phrase in St Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians where he speaks of the love of Christ that urges, compels and moves us to share in Christ's ministry of Reconciliation (2 Cor 5: 14).



"Look upon your crosses as stepping stones to the eternal life of happiness."

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 1890

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Weekly Class Mass

On Friday 17th March (Saint Patrick's Feast Day)
Year 1/2S will be attending the 9:15am parish mass.
Family and friends are invited to
celebrate and join the children in prayer.



Parish News



Bulletin deliveries -

We have quite a few streets that still need deliveries, if any parishioner can spare some time during the week delivering to any of the following streets, it would be very much appreciated: Akuna; Bell; Belmar; Burt; Cambridge; Chorley; Civic (part of); Cowra; David; Dove; Emery; Emu; Frazer; Grieve; Hammond; Kearney; Kookaburra; Lark; Lowe; Lugg; MaAlpine; McBain; McIntyre; Millers; Purnell; Queen; Rayner; Romawi; Sussex & Upton; Waters . Please ring Lucy at the parish house if you can help out. Thank you. Thank you to the parishioner who offered to deliver to Stewart Ave!

Blessed Sacrament Chapel -

From Monday 3rd April a new entrance will be used to enter into the Chapel. Entry to the Chapel will be via the single wire gate in McBain Street. Signage will be moved to show the new entrance. As part of the change we are hoping that anyone visiting the chapel will make the most of the beautiful surroundings in the Memorial Garden which we feel is not utilised enough. There will be no change to the times of access to the Chapel. This will remain as 8.30am to 7pm. In preparation for our official opening we will have a **Working Bee on Saturday, 25th March, 2017 after the 9.15am Mass.** You are invited to come along and lend a hand.

Mass for families & Youth this Sunday 12th March at 5pm at St. Mary's parish. This event will take place every second Sunday of the month. All Welcome.

Anointing of the Sick or House Blessings and Visits

– Call Parish Office on 9398 2964

Stations of the Cross –

will take place each **FRIDAY** in the church at 7pm during Lent.



Our Next Walk / Ride to School Day will be on Friday 17th March – NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY. Our Walking School Buses will run on that day.
The Google Form is linked to today's newsletter email



SUNSCREEN REMINDER

Clothing helps act as a barrier to UV reaching the skin. For those parts of skin you can't cover with clothing (e.g. face, neck, ears, lower arms and legs), please remember to use sunscreen. Sunscreen is like a back-up plan and should never be used on its own.

Remember to apply a generous amount of SPF 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen to all exposed skin. Try to apply about 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapply every TWO hours (even if the label states four hours water resistance) or more frequently if sweating or swimming.

Check the use-by date and always store sunscreen below 30 degrees.

A very small number of people (less than 1%) may have an allergic reaction to some ingredients in sunscreen so it is recommended when using a new sunscreen to test it on a small patch of skin.

Sunscreens go through rigorous testing by the [TGA](#) to ensure they meet their SPF rating and provide the stated level of protection in a safe way. Research has shown sunscreens are an effective skin cancer prevention tool.

Healthy Breakfast



When: 22nd 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 17th March

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



Italian Language classes run by Associazione Culturale L'Aurora will begin at

Lumen Christi Primary School, 260 Point Cook Rd, Point Cook. **Date:** Saturday 18th February 2017

Classes will run during school terms. **Time:** 1.30pm till 4.00pm.

Students from Prep to Year 12 are welcome to enrol. The tuition fee for the year is \$200.00 per student. A discount of \$15.00 per child is allowed for families with additional children attending.

If you require further information please phone: 9898 4707 or visit our school website www.lauraraschool.com.au



TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 13th March 2017

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Bree O'Halloran

Thursday Marylinda Abate

Friday Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

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

SPORTS & EXCURSION FUNDS (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 will be 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.

HOW TO APPLY: Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef And return to the school office asap.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS



Sport &



Loyalty Programs

St Mary's have established loyalty programs with both Amart Sports & Rebel. 5% of any purchases made at any Amart Sports or any Rebel Sport goes directly back to St Mary's. This helps us buy sports equipment for the school. Over the past year we've accrued an impressive \$569.10 at Amart Sports, so it really is a valuable program for our school. Mr Lappin has already used the points accrued at Rebel Sport to purchase equipment this year too.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Next time you're buying the kids new footy boots; runners; or sports equipment, go to an Amart Sports or Rebel & join up as a personal member. Then please ask them to link your membership to St Mary's. Please encourage family & friends to do the same.