

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2019

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Dear Parents



Thanks to everyone who supported our National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence today. The school yard was a sea of orange! The children presented lots of great messages about how we can TAKE ACTION EVERY DAY to make St. Mary's Bully Free. Give someone a SMILE and show that you CARE about them!!

CYBERSAFETY PROJECT

On Tuesday we had an incursion and we learnt about Cyber Safety. Sam and Trent taught us so much and we all had a lot of fun. We had to use team work and we had a lot of discussions about how to be safe on the internet. - Bryanna W 5/6T

On Tuesday Sam and Trent taught us how to be safe on the internet. They taught us to 'think about how you feel' and they were very funny. - Roland H 1/2S

On Tuesday Sam and Trent taught us about having a Me space and a We space and a See space. The Me space is your personal space online like email and you keep it private. The We space is where people need your permission to be in that space - those people we need to know in real life. The See space is where anyone can be on the internet. Trent and Sam were really fun because they let everyone have a turn and made us laugh. - Skye A - 3/4K

I was thoroughly impressed by Trent & Sam's Workshop, The Cyber Safety Project at school on Tuesday night. As a former School Counsellor and a parent, I have attended numerous cyber safety workshops over the past 15 years, & this was the most superior by far. Sam & Trent were highly engaging with both the children and the adults, and the content was current, relevant and informed by best practice guidelines. It was informative and they did not resort to scare tactics to convey their message. Zed & Judah loved the secret handshake too. This should be a yearly, compulsory workshop for both students & parents. Thanks so much - Madeline Didenkowski (Parent)

OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

These will take place on Monday 1st April.

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

The School Event Code is: x9m9a

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 29th March at 3pm.

PREP ENROLMENT 2020 IS NOW OPEN:

We are now accepting Enrolment Applications for Prep 2020. Information Sessions and School Tours will be held on Tuesday 2nd April at 9.05 am, 11.35 am & 7.30 pm. Parents with siblings already enrolled at St. Mary's do not need to attend these sessions but they will need to complete an Application for Enrolment (that can be collected from the office or downloaded from our school website). Please pass this information to any other families you think might be interested. Flyers advertising these Information Sessions & School Tours will be distributed to our local Kinders and Day Care Centres next week.

KITS 4 KIDS

The Kits4Kids project is a joint initiative with Gemma D, some of our School Leaders and School leaders from Emmanuel College.

You can support our project by donating stationary - 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.

Our project will end on 29th March.

All donations will be accepted up to that date.

At the end of the project we will organise all of the donated goods to make kits to give to the kids of Vanuatu.

Please help!

Matt Taylor (RE Leader) and Gemma, Noah, Grace, Shannon, Zed, Kiani & Zaii (School Leaders)

DAD'S NIGHT

Please consider this a personal invitation especially to our new Prep dads but also to any other dads who haven't attended before.

Our next Dad's night will be held at Hop Heads craft beer bar again on Pier Street on the evening of Friday 22nd March. Hop Heads, is a craft beer bar on Pier Street serving lots of awesome beers from all over the world. It is by far the best place to buy beer in all of Altona. You can also order in food from any of the local venues.

We will run a quiz with a few breaks in between rounds to give you a chance to sample some more delights from the barrels/fridges.

We've got the back room hired for the night. Drinks will be at bar prices and Hop Heads has again come to the party with some liquid prizes for the winning team. We'll kick off from 7pm onwards and will get cracking on the quiz somewhere between 7.30 and 8.

Looking forward to another fun night on the 22nd March.

Please RSVP asap - Ben: 0477 724 214 benjilondon@hotmail.com

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION STARTS NEXT THURSDAY:

This can be good fun and a fundraiser for the school. Check last week's newsletter for details or email me.

We currently have 15 people participating which is not enough to run the competition.

WALK FOR AUTISM –

Rizza Nguyen (Jackson - Year 1/2S) is participating in the "Walk for Autism" fundraiser this year to help raise awareness for ASD. [CLICK HERE](#) to read Rizza's story and make a donation to the cause if you would like to. Whether you make a donation or not that is obviously up to you but **PLEASE do yourself a favour and read Rizza's story.**

PREP/YEAR 6 BUDDY FAMILY NIGHT IS ON TONIGHT 6.00 - 8.00 pm.

Car parking is available on the Netball Court enter via Sargood Street. Check your CareMonkey notes and/or newsletter 22nd February for details

David Kelly
Principal

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 was sent yesterday asking for expressions of interest. We'd love to see as many students and families coming to school in an active way as possible.

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.



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)



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, 6 pm
Saturday, 17th August, 6 pm

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 logon and other details went home to all families concerned via CareMonkey in Week 5.

Term 1 Special Dates

- 6 Mar - 21 Apr Project Compassion
- 10-17 Mar Catholic Education Week
- 17 Mar Second Sunday of Lent
- 18 Mar Solemnity of St Patrick
- 18 Mar 5/6H Prayer Assembly
- 19 Mar Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 21 Mar Harmony Day
- 22 Mar World Water Day
- 1 Apr 3/4HT Prayer Assembly



This weekend's Gospel



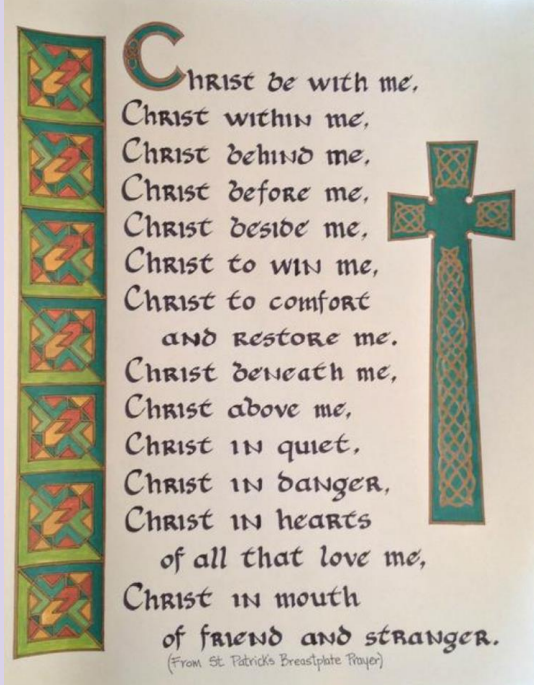
Luke 9: 28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning...

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Sunday 17th March is the Feast Day of St. Patrick.

St. Patrick's Breastplate is a popular prayer attributed to one of Ireland's most beloved patron saints. According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote it in 433 A.D. for divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King and his subjects to Christianity.



Weekly Class Masses

We look forward to Year 5/6H leading our first prayer assembly for 2019 on Monday the 18th of



March at 2:20 pm.

We then look forward to Year 3/4 HT leading our next prayer assembly of 2019 on Monday the 1st of

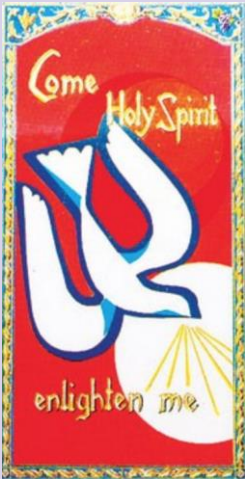


April at 2:20 pm.

Year 5/6H will then lead the parish in prayer at the celebration of the mass on Thursday the 4th of April at 9:15 am.

We welcome you warmly to all of these events and would love to see you there.

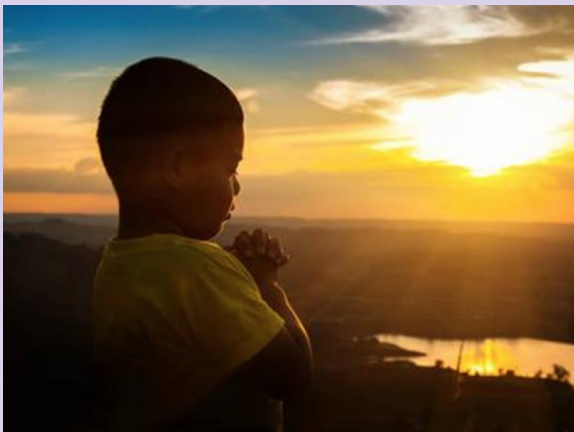
PLEASE PRAY FOR:



* 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



PROJECT COMPASSION

Second Sunday of Lent
17th March 2019



Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia with her husband and children. Earning an income working in a local rubber plantation, her Dayak culture has relied on the rainforest for generations. However, due to land clearing, many indigenous people are losing their land and livelihoods. Through eco-tourism training supported by Caritas Australia, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

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.



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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.

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

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

Round Four: Home against Altona College/Bayside

Basketball	Girls	32	4
	Mixed	22	8
Volleyball	Girls	2	0
	Mixed	1	2
Softball	Girls	9	3
	Mixed	24	0
Hotshots Tennis	Girls	7	4
	Mixed	9	1



ST. MARY'S CHOIR NEWS

Welcome

This year, we have decided to invite the Year 2's to join the choir for **one term** to give the children a taste of what the choir is all about.

Next week St. Mary's Choir will be welcoming **the Year 2 students from 1/2T and 1/2S to participate during Term 2** as a member of the St. Mary's School

Choir. Year 2 students from 1/2S and 1/2T will be replaced with students from 1/2G and 1/2D in Term 3.

Date for your diary: CONFIRMATION MASS FRIDAY, 26th APRIL

The Choir will be leading the singing at the Confirmation Mass on Friday, April 26th at 7pm in the Church. This is an important time for the young adults of our community and the singing of St. Mary's Choir will add to the joy of the celebration. We will need as many choir members as possible to attend.

All members of the choir will need arrive by 6:40pm so we can get them gowned up.

Parents do not have to remain in the church during the ceremony and are more than welcome to bring their child to me at the church and return to pick them up from me, at approximately 8:15pm.

I am looking forward to hearing all of the angelic voices.

Mrs. Angela Hamilton

Performing Arts Specialist

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