

St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents

Our Year 6 students have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Friday 23rd March at 7.00 pm in our Mary Help of Christians Church. Bishop Mark Edwards will be celebrating the mass and Confirming each of the students. Please support and pray for the following St. Mary's students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Daniel Armeri, Mia Attana, Anthony Briffa, Thomas Chan, Erin Cucanic, Tyson Dobbyn, Sam Dowling, Lucas Galea, Lachland Green, James Hills, Nikita Houlihan, Emma Hussey, Joel Knight, Marcus Kruger, Gab Manguiat, Isla Manton, Olivia Moala, Grace Moon, Bridie O'Connor, Ciara O'Connor, Jordan Schembri, Monae Sepsic, Sienna Tanti, Jacob Yacono & Chloe Zuvela.

FOOTBALL TIPPING:

St. Mary's Footy Tipping Competition is back on again. 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 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 next Thursday 22nd March.** Any difficulty please contact me at school or via email dkelly@smaltona.catholic.edu.au



NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING:

Thanks to everyone who supported the National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence. Hopefully today your child has brought home a wristband that they will become a great discussion starter for you about bullying. Classes have been working hard on spreading the message that bullying and violence is not okay; rather we should be being

kind and caring of others.

We had a short special assembly today led by our Wellbeing Leaders: Grace Moon & Olivia Charalambous, who should be congratulated for their outstanding organisation of the day (with some assistance from Mrs Masseni) Well done girls. Each class spoke about their BIG IDEA for creating a world free from Bullying and made a pledge to behave in a kind and respectful way towards others. Check out all the class pledges and BIG IDEAS along with some photos on the wall outside the staffroom.

PLANNING WEEK – N.B CHANGE TO SPECIALIST DAYS

Next week all staff will be released for the whole day to plan with their level teams and Curriculum leaders. As such, some specialist days have changed. Children will need to wear their sports uniform on the following days:

TUESDAY: Prep

WEDNESDAY: Year 3/4

THURSDAY: Year 1/2

Year 5/6 will not have specialist classes this week however the Year 5/6 teachers will plan together on MONDAY. Sport practice will be held on Wednesday afternoon and Interschool sport will be on Friday.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION:

The next meeting of the P & F is next Wednesday 21st March commencing at 7.30 pm. In the school staffroom. Any parents are welcome.



Our **EASTER RAFFLE** will be held at a special assembly on the last day of term, 29th March at 2pm. You should have received your raffle tickets. If not, there are spare booklets available at the office.

To make this afternoon great fun for all of the children, **we ask that you kindly donate an Easter gift** (per child). This could be in the form of chocolate, a toy, or allergy free option. Please give this gift to your child, to give to their teacher over the next two weeks if you haven't already. All raffle tickets and money need to be returned by next Friday 23rd March.

Many thanks. **We really appreciate your support!!!**

OPTIONAL PARENT / TEACHER CONTACT:

These will take place on Monday 26th March.

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

The School Event Code is: j2djy

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 23rd March.

END OF TERM ONE:

Thursday 29th March at 2.30 pm. PLEASE NOTE EARLY DISMISSAL TIME.

David Kelly
Principal



WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL – WALKING SCHOOL BUSES:

Our Walking School Buses will run on **Thursday 22nd March** – National Ride to School Day. **If you can help us out by supervising a bus, can you please complete the Google form** (linked through the newsletter email or website home page) **or simply contact Marg Masseni** via the school office or via email -

mmasseni@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

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

Healthy Breakfast

When: Wednesday 28th March

Time: 7.30am

Where: School Hall



Why: To show the kids how quick

Afterwards join in for **Fun and Fitness** 8am on the basketball court

and simple a healthy breakfast can be!

RSVP Essential by Friday 23rd 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!

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

Round Four: At home against Altona College/Bayside

Basketball	girls	26-8	win
	mixed	17-9	win
Volleyball	girls	2-0	win
	mixed	2-0	win
Softball	girls	10-10	draw
	boys	19-2	win
Hotshots	girls	8-3	win
	mixed	5-6	lost

EDUCATION IN FAITH

2018 Term 1 Sacrament Date



Confirmation: - Friday, 23rd March, at 7pm
(Photos from 5.30pm onwards in school hall)



"Many things that seemed unaccountable worries have proved indeed to be hidden blessings." 1870

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- * Our Year Six Candidates as they prepare for 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. Congratulation to **3/4V** for being the highest money raisers in the school last week.

Ciara & Anthony

Social Justice Leaders

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Tomorrow 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. This is a shorter version for the children:

I arise today

Christ with me,

Christ before me,

Christ behind me,

Christ in me,

Christ beneath me,

Christ above me,

Christ on my right,

Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down,

Christ when I sit down,

Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today.



Weekly Class Mass

On Friday 23rd March Year 1/2K will be attending the 9:15am parish mass. Family and friends are invited to sit with, celebrate and join the children in prayer.

ST MARY'S CHOIR NEWS – CONFIRMATION MASS FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH

REMINDER



A reminder that the Choir will be leading the singing at the Confirmation Mass on Friday, March 23rd 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 to wear their summer uniforms and arrive by 6.40pm. 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. Thank you to the parents who have responded via Care Monkey to confirm their child's attendance. **I am looking forward to hearing all of the angelic voices.**

Mrs. Angela Hamilton

Performing Arts Specialist

ahamilton@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

STUDENT ABSENCES:

The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria is requiring Catholic Schools to notify parents of 'Unknown' student absences. Beginning Term 2, an unknown student absence will be followed by an email to parents requiring a reason for the student absence. With this in mind, it is vital that you fill in the online 'Absentee Form' by 8.30am on the day of the student absence. The form is available on our school website (www.smaltona.catholic.edu.au) as well as through our school '**Updat-ed**' App. We thank you for your help in ensuring all students enrolled in our school are accounted for.

PARISH NEWS

Flowers – Anyone who can help with flower arranging or donate flowers for Holy Thursday & Easter, please contact Trish Aitken or Vivienne Taylor, after Mass or through the Parish Office.

Thanksgiving Envelopes – Please remember to collect your next set of Envelopes from the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support.

Volunteers are needed to help with setting up for *Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Vigil* needed. If you can spare some time, please see Trish Aitken or Vivienne Taylor after Mass.

Free Firewood (not red gum) please see Fr. Michael.

Free to a good home – student/computer desk. (must collect) Please see Fr. Michael.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, ALTONA

- HOLY WEEK/EASTER TIMETABLE 2018

Saturday March 24	Morning Mass Individual Reconciliation Blessing of the Palms/Mass - Procession of the Palms from the Narthex.	9.15am 9.45am 6.00pm
Sunday March 25	Blessing of the Palms/Mass - Procession of the Palms from the Narthex	8.30am & 10.30am
Monday March 26	Maltese/English Reconciliation (Fr. Edwin Agius) No Mass	4-5pm
Tuesday March 27	Mass Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral Individual Reconciliation	9.15am 11.00am 5pm & 7pm
Wednesday March 28	Mass Individual Reconciliation	9.15am 9.45am & 5.00pm
Holy Thursday March 29	<u>No morning Mass or Reconciliation</u> _Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration in the Narthex until 10.30pm	7.30pm
Good Friday March 30	<u>No morning Mass or Reconciliation</u> Ecumenical Service - Walk of Witness - Cherry Lake: Solemn Ceremonies of Good Friday	11.00am 3.00pm
Holy Saturday March 31	<u>No morning Mass or Reconciliation</u> Preparation Rights Easter Vigil:	9.30am 7.30pm
Sunday April 1	Easter Sunday Mass:	8.30am 10.30am

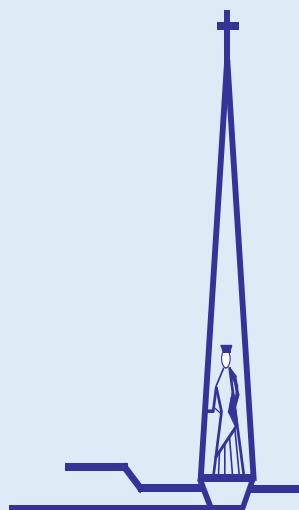
The next Stations of the Cross will take place in the Church on Friday 23rd March at 9.45am.

Holy Land and Jordan Pilgrimage Departing 3 September 2018 (15 days) Please come and join us on this Spiritual Journey and walk in the footsteps of our Lord in the Holy Land, and also visit Petra (optional) and Amman in Jordan. **Your Chaplain:** Archpriest Michael Kalka PP. **Cost per person, share twin: \$5,690(AUD); Single Supplement: \$850(AUD).** Please see poster on Narthex Notice Board for full details.

Altona Alive Youth Group - Members of this group are invited to a Mass at 6.30pm on **Friday 20th April** followed by pizza & games in the school hall until 8.30pm. Hope to see you there!

It would be appreciated if Parishioners could donate Palms/Olive Branches by delivering them to the Narthex on Friday anytime or Saturday morning 23rd March Thank you.

Can you help us celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Week/Easter? If so, please place your name & phone number next to the ministry you are able to assist with on the Roster in the Narthex. This will allow us to prepare a roster which involves as many people as possible. We need to know who will be available for each ministry by **Sunday 18th March, 2018**. Families are encouraged to place their names down for foot washing on Holy Thursday. **There are many spots that still need filling on the Roster, please add your name if you can help.**



TUCKSHOP HELPERS

Week beginning 19th March 2018



Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday **Marylinda Abate**
Friday

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

Open Day

— 2018 —

We invite you to explore our College and see what makes us leaders in educating girls

Sunday 20 May
10:00am - 1:00pm

Principal's address
10:30am, 11:30am & 12:30pm



Register online at www.msj.vic.edu.au

133 Maidstone Street Altona

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Year 7, 2020

Applications close on 17 August 2018

Offers are to be accepted by 2 November 2018

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Creative Music for Schools
conducts a music program
here at school each week.

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lessons of up to 30 minutes give chil-
dren an excellent grounding in music
where they will learn to read music
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