



St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2018

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Dear Parents

On Tuesday our Year 6 students, who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation tonight at 7.00 pm, had a visit from Bishop Mark Edwards. He spoke to the children about the importance of the Sacrament and that he was looking forward to Friday night. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers: 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.

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 will close today at 5pm.

FOOTY TIPPING:

Thanks to those who have joined our Footy Tipping Competition.

It's \$25 per person or \$45 for two tippers. Please send your money to school in a clearly marked envelope "Footy Tips" and your name/s. **Please remember payment is due by next Thursday 29th March.**



EASTER RAFFLE: Monday 26th March is the last day to return raffle tickets and money.

There will be a Special Assembly on Thursday starting at 2.00 pm sharp where prizes will be drawn.

HEALTHY BREAKFAST

When: Wednesday 28th March

Time: 7.30am

Where: School Hall

RSVP Essential by 5pm today.

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



WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Thanks to everyone who came to school in an active way yesterday. We had a record number on our Esplanade / Sargood St Walking School Bus. Thanks to those parents who helped to supervise. Very much appreciated.

Our next Walk / Ride to School day is Tuesday 24th April.

TERM ONE ENDS ON THURSDAY 29th MARCH at 2.30 pm. Please Note Early Dismissal Time.

David Kelly
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH



Confirmation: - Friday, 23rd March, at 7pm



"Let your motto be: God alone." 1873

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- * Our Year Six Candidates as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Social Justice News

PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISING

Thank-you to everyone who contributed to our Social Justice initiative for Term 1. We raised money for Caritas Australia through the Lenten Project Compassion Appeal. Congratulation to **3/4V** for being the highest money raisers in the school this week.

Ciara & Anthony

Social Justice Leaders

Holy Week Prayer Assembly

All families and friends are invited to attend our Year 3/4V Prayer Assembly for Holy Week on Thursday 29th March at 12.20pm.

PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:
Lord, you send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in you and in Jesus whom you sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to your voice. Open their hearts to your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that you have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that you will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



PARISH NEWS

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 Chris 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

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 the Parish Office

Thanksgiving Envelopes – Please remember to collect your next set of Envelopes from the Narthex.

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.

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.

Please note there will be Communion Services on Tuesday 3rd & 10th April 2018 at 9.15am.

Mass for Expectant Mothers & their families- **Sunday 27 May at 11am**, St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The Melbourne Passion Play – **Palm Sunday, 1.30pm & Good Friday, 10am** at Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Rd. Templestowe.



ANZAC DAY

Once again this year, our school captains on behalf of our school community, will be laying a wreath at the Altona ANZAC Day Commemoration Service held at the Eternal Flame outside the Civic Offices in Civic Pde, Altona. Each student will make a poppy to contribute to our wreath.

The service will be held on **Saturday 21st April beginning at 3pm.**

Please mark the date in your diary.

All students and families are welcome to attend. We will meet together at 2.45pm near to the corner of Pier St and Civic Pde.



UNIFORM SHOP

In 2018 the uniform shop will be open:

Monday 8.30-9am and Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm.

We are turning our attention to winter uniforms. To ensure that we can order in a timely manner for Term Two, please visit the shop to order your winter uniform. For those that are unable to make it to the shop, the order forms are available on the School Website, News, Notes & Forms. These can be sent through to stmarysaltonauniforms@gmail.com. Payment can be made via direct deposit or cash in an envelope dropped off to the school office. Uniforms once ordered and paid for will be sent home in your child's school bag. If the sizes are not correct, and the labels are still attached, return them to the office with a note and contact number, and we will endeavour to correct it for you.

HOBSONS BAY LIBRARIES: NEWS

We've got an amazing array of **free activities on offer for primary-aged children** over the autumn school holidays. Please follow the link to see what we have on offer:

<http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/school-holiday-activities>

Over the school terms, we also run weekly programs including Chess Club, Coding Club and LEGO Mindstorms. We also have Monthly Minecraft Meets at both Altona North and Altona Meadows Libraries. All primary-aged children are welcome to attend – the library membership is not a requirement. Write by the Bay (our annual writing competition for school-aged children) is open for entries until 22nd April. We encourage all students to get their creative writing flowing and submit their short stories, poems or song lyrics to <http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/write-by-the-bay>



PRINCIPALS AWARDS WEEK BEGINNING 19TH FEBRUARY 2018

PREP D	Gracie B for her fantastic effort at blending and segmenting words Chloe M for putting great effort into all tasks
PREP S	Miller D for trying hard to hear sounds in words when writing Tia A for always tidying up her area
YEAR 1/2G	Ben D for trying really hard to stay on task at all times Ava R for consistently being a great role model for her classmates
YEAR 1/2S	Michael C for trying really hard to complete all tasks on time Samantha C for her excellent effort with recount writing
YEAR 1/2K	Jamie S for writing a fantastic recount Aaliyah F for working hard to identify nouns and adjectives
YEAR 1/2D	Segolene H for an excellent effort towards her recount writing Jack M for actively making good choices in class and being a role model for others
YEAR 3/4M	Lachlan M for the dedication and enthusiasm shown toward his narrative writing Gabriella L for her persistence and hard work when learning problem solving strategies in Maths
YEAR 3/4HK	Melina M for her quiet dedication to her literacy activities Aidan K for his amazing Maths thinking skills
YEAR 3/4V	Shiloh C for trying hard to implement editing strategies when revising writing pieces Xavier R for always remembering to use his manners
YEAR 5/6C	Sam D for applying himself to every learning activity with focus Anna A for being an independent worker and having a determined attitude for all tasks
YEAR 5/6L	Lachlan G for showing great leadership in the district swimming competition Nikita H for being a responsible and caring buddy
YEAR 5/6H	Anthony B for consistently high efforts during our study on the Human Body System Isla M for her high level of organisation and independence in all classroom activities

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

Round five: home against Spotswood Primary School

Basketball	girls	14-6	win
	mixed	14-22	lost
Volleyball	girls	0 (2 sets)	win
	mixed	0 (2 sets)	win
Softball	girls	12-5	win
	mixed	20-0	win
Hotshots	girls	9 games	won 3
	mixed	9 games	won 2

COLES VOUCHERS

Please continue to collect and send your Coles vouchers into school. You can also drop them in the St. Mary's collection box at the Altona Coles store. The last day for earning vouchers will be on 3rd April. You can return the vouchers you collect during the holidays to school after the holidays.

High Tea with Joseph's Corner

Come and join us for a great afternoon!



All funds raised will go to Joseph's Corner.

Where: Mount St. Joseph's Girls College
129-133 Maidstone St, Altona

When: Sunday 6th May 2018

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Cost: \$30.00 per person

There will be raffles, a silent auction, door prizes, guest speakers, great food and lots more.

For bookings please call Joseph's Corner on 9315-2680 or
Tania on 0439 165 660.

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

 **Creative Music**
www.creativemusic.com.au

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 | 8398 2000