



St. Mary's School, Altona Newsletter 2017

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Dear Parents,

No. 9 31st March 2017

We are now accepting Enrolment Applications for Prep 2018. Information Sessions and School Tours will be held on Wednesday 19th April (2nd day back next term) at 9.05 am, 11.35 am. and 7.30 pm. upstairs in the TRI Centre. Please pass this information onto any people that you think might be interested.

Parents with siblings already enrolled at St. Mary's will need to complete an Application for Enrolment form and return it to the school office but you do not need to attend the above sessions unless you choose to do so.

Anyone interested in attending St. Mary's but unable to attend any of these sessions is encouraged to contact the school office and an individual appointment and school tour can be arranged.

EASTER RAFFLE:

Thank you to everyone's wonderful support of our annual Easter Raffle. There was an amazing amount of excitement as the children entered the hall for our Easter Raffle Assembly. There were approximately 245 prizes given out.

Thank you to the P & F for their organisation of this and in particular Andrea Herd & Cheri Steen.

DAD'S NIGHT

Last Friday night was a great night with 19 dads turning up for the inaugural Dad's Night, involving a few drinks, table tennis (doubles) and darts comp.

Competition was interspersed with a chance for us all to meet dads with kids ranging from prep all the way to year 6. Table tennis victors were Michael Smedley and Mark Pilditch with darts stalwart Jarrod Pye topping the ladder.

Dads should keep their eyes open in the newsletter for the next night. In the meantime if you would like to be kept up to date with events you can join the mailing list by emailing your contact details to Ben London

- benjilondon@hotmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Eliza P (3/4M) who competed in the Western Region Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 28th March. Eliza got PB's in both of her races – 37:00 in the 50m Freestyle and 38:38 in the 50m backstroke. Well done Eliza. We are very proud of you.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:

The Annual General Meeting for our Parents & Friends Committee will take place on Wednesday 26th April (2nd Wednesday next term) @ 7.30pm in the staffroom. This will be followed by a normal general meeting. The Parents & Friends is not just about fundraising they also organise and facilitate many social and School community events. So come along and see what is involved. It is a great way to meet new parents.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable, restful and prayerful time over the next two weeks.

Please remember that **SCHOOL RESUMES TUESDAY (NOT MONDAY) 18th APRIL.**

**David Kelly,
Principal**



PRINCIPALS AWARDS 27th Mar 2017

PREP D	Ania for a fantastic show and tell presentation.
PREP S	Ben for his great listening and cooperation in class.
YEAR 1/ 2HT	
YEAR 1/ 2S	Alegra for her great recount writing.
YEAR 1/ 2N	William for his excellent efforts when sounding out words.
YEAR 1/2G	Gabriella for always thinking outside the box during classroom discussions.
YEAR 3/4M	Eleanor for her confident and inquisitive approach to the Shape unit in Maths.
YEAR 3/4HK	Christian for always giving his best effort even when he is not sure of something yet.
YEAR 3/4V	Thomas for being an enthusiastic participant during Bike Ed sessions.
YEAR 5/6C	Anthony for his exemplary behaviour representing St. Mary's at Mixed Volleyball.
YEAR 5/6L	Joel for his great listening and accepting decisions without argument in Mixed Basketball.
YEAR 5/6K	Gabby for always coming to school in an enthusiastic way.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event	Time
18/4	Start of Term Two (Tuesday)	8.45am
19/4	Prep 2018 information sessions & school tours	9.05am , 11.35am & 7.30pm
20/4	Cross Country Training YR 3-6	8.00am
	Little Learners Love Literacy	7pm – 8pm
24/4	Prayer Assembly 3/4V	2.30pm
26/4	State Swimming	9am – 3.30pm
	Annual General Meeting P&F	7.30pm- 9pm
27/4	Cross Country Training YR 3-6	8.00am
	Walk/Ride to School	8.30am



SCHOOL PHOTOS...were distributed today. If you have any issues with the photos please contact ELITE PHOTOS directly. Phone: 9570 9311 or Email: info@eliteschoolphotography.com.au

SCHOOL LEADERS PHOTOS – ELITE PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos of our school leaders (School Captains, House Captains, Wellbeing, Social Justice and Choir Leaders & JSC) are now available for purchase.

They are on display in the office foyer and cost \$12.

Please place correct money in an envelope labelled with your name and the type & number of photos you require and return it to the office by **Friday 28th April**.

N.B. Year 6 photo will be given to the students when they graduate at the end of the year.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS Week beginning 18th April 2017



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Caroline Cassar

Thursday

Friday

Rosemary Ciavarella

Manager: Eva Coppola

Tel: 9315 0799



EDUCATION IN FAITH

First Eucharist Dates

Family Workshop: Wednesday, 31st May. 7pm
Shared Meal/Practice Session: Wednesday 14th June. 7pm.
Sacrament of First Eucharist: Sunday, 18th June. 3pm.



Holy Week

On Sunday April 9th, we will celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. It signals the start of the most significant week in the Church's liturgical calendar - Holy Week: a week which begins with Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and ends with His glorious resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday, April 16th. In the intervening days we celebrate His last supper with his apostles, agony, betrayal, condemnation, suffering, death by crucifixion and triumph over burial. Jesus' suffering and resurrection is our Christian foundation of faith and the our hope.



I encourage all families to take the opportunity to participate in the rich liturgies that will be conducted in the coming weeks, particularly on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Included in this newsletter is the Holy Week timetable for Mary, Help of Christians Parish.



"God's presence seems to follow me everywhere and makes everything I do or wish to do a prayer."

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Social Justice News

Our giving alms at St. Mary's Altona in the support of Caritas Australia's Project Compassion, raised \$162.80. Thank you to all the students, staff, parents and friends for your generosity and support towards helping those who need it most.

Sara Adani & Kyle Escobar
(Social Justice Leaders)



PROJECT
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Parish News

Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter Timetable 2017

April 8 Saturday:	Blessing of the Palms/Mass Procession of the Palms from Narthex	6.00pm
April 9 Sunday:	Blessing of the Palms/Mass Procession of the Palms from the Narthex	8.30am
April 9 Sunday:	Blessing of the Palms/Mass Procession of the Palms from the Memorial Garden	10.30am
April 10 Monday	Maltese/English Reconciliation - Fr. Edwin Agius	4-5pm
April 11 Tuesday	Communion Service Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral (Archbishop Denis Hart) Second Rite Reconciliation	9.15am 11.00am 7.30pm
April 13 Holy Thursday:	No morning Mass Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration in the Narthex until 11pm St. Mary's Music Ministry	7.30pm
April 14 Good Friday:	No morning Mass Ecumenical Service - Walk of Witness - Cherry Lake: Solemn Ceremonies of Good Friday: (St. Mary's Music Ministry)	11.00am 3.00pm
April 15 Holy Saturday:	No morning Mass Easter Vigil: St. Mary's Music Ministry	8.00pm
April 16 Sunday	Easter Sunday Mass: (St. Mary's Music Ministry)	10.30am

Blessed Sacrament Chapel -

From Monday 3rd April, entry to the Chapel will be via the single wire gate in McBain Street. Signage will be moved to show the new entrance. Access times to the Chapel will remain from 8.30am to 7pm.

Next Music Rehearsal will be on Saturday 1st April between 2pm-4pm in the Church. All welcome.

Palm Sunday/ Holy Week/ Easter Sunday.

If you are able to minister at any of the above ceremonies, would you please place your name on the Roster in the Narthex this weekend. We need to know who will be available for each ministry no later than **Sunday 2nd April 2017 so that we can prepare Rosters. Many thanks!**



Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to our March Aussie of the Month Students.

Roland H (Prep D) for having a fantastic start to school. Roland comes each day happy and ready to learn. He puts effort into every task and ensures the classroom is kept neat and tidy.

Hugo F (3/4HK) for his quiet dedication to his work and his friendly and supportive attitude towards all class members.

Jacob Y (5/6L) for being a supportive and friendly member of the class and he tackles new challenges enthusiastically and with a positive attitude. He is a role model in our class for his good behaviour and work habits. He always gets along well with others and offers support eagerly. Great job Jacob.



SUNSMART

As term one ends, please ensure that sun protection doesn't end too.

Now that term break is here and hopefully you'll be able to take some time out for a well-earned break, remember ***to continue your sun protection habits during the holidays and into the start of term two.*** Daily UV levels are still above 3 at least until the end of April and for some locations, even beyond this time. Whenever UV levels are 3 or higher, sun protection is needed.

Please be sure to check the daily sun protection times for your nearest location on the [free SunSmart app](#) or at sunsmart.com.au or myuv.com.au.

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