



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, ALTONA

NEWSLETTER 2016

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Dear Parents,

No.37 2nd December 2016

What a SPECTACULAR evening we had last night at our 2017 ARTS SPECTACULAR. I have received many, many personal compliments as well as numerous Facebook postings that last night was at least one of the best nights we have had if not THE BEST! Various teachers have also passed onto me the very positive comments they also had received from many, many parents. All of the children gave 110% and had a great time doing it. We are extremely proud of each and every child as I'm sure you are.

While all of the above is about the "Play" our ART SHOW should not be forgotten. It again was an OUTSTANDING DISPLAY of our magnificent Creative Arts program here at St. Mary's with every child having some artistic work displayed. It also seems to be getting more impressive each year.

Such a successful night as this doesn't just happen without a lot of effort from a lot of people. A very, very, sincere THANK YOU to the following people who made a significant contribution to this wonderful evening:

- Mrs Angela Hamilton and Ms Britt Densmore for their creation and organisation of the Play 'Follow The Music'
- Mrs Anthea Zimmerman for her Art Show organisation and presentation.
- All of the staff at St. Mary's School.
- To the Parents & Friends Association, in particular - Cheri Steen, Andrea Herd and Ben London plus all the parents that helped with cooking, serving, setting up and packing up.

This has traditionally been a very successful evening, and thanks to YOU and our wonderful children it was again an absolutely fantastic evening. THANK YOU and WELL DONE TO ALL INVOLVED.

NEW IN 2017:

In 2017 we are going to be introducing an online application (app) called CareMonkey. CareMonkey is a health and safety solution that automatically keeps medical and emergency details up to date. It makes these important details instantly available to teachers on mobile devices in an emergency . . . so they know who to call, what to do, or what to tell an ambulance paramedic. CareMonkey automates the permission and consent form process too, which means no more permission notes sent home. Alerts will go straight to your phone and an email will notify you of forms that need to be read and signed and it's as simple as an electronic signature. Next week we will provide you with more information about CareMonkey and you will receive an email with instructions to create a CareMonkey profile so we will be ready to go for the 2017 school year.

For more information on CareMonkey visit: www.caremonkey.com or email our ICT Leader: vtucker@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

PARENT THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA

Thank you for your help and support during the year. We would like to invite you to join the staff for Afternoon Tea on **Monday 12th December from 3.10 – 4.00 pm** in the school hall (children will be supervised outside). This will take place after our final assembly for the year to be hosted by our School Captains.

David Kelly
Principal



HELP NEEDED BY PARENTS AND PAST STUDENTS

On **WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER** from 9.00 – 11.00 am we are taking on the mighty task of **cleaning 300 classroom chairs and 150 tables....**and YES we need help. All cleaning products and materials will be provided.

This annual event is open to all past students who usually have a great time catching up with each other and do a little...sorry lots of cleaning too. We would also welcome parents to come and help with cleaning the tables. If you can assist please contact School Office or myself. Thank you in advance for your help.

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Our final **Walk / Ride to School Day** is **TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER**.

Our **Walking School Buses** will run on this day.

Please **complete the Google form** included with this newsletter if you can supervise or you are going to participate.

PAST STUDENTS HELPING IN FINAL WEEKS

If your child has finished secondary school and is interested in helping in school over the next two weeks they **MUST** contact myself or Mrs Pedley prior to coming so that we can let them know if help is needed. We will also ask them for the following details: a time they will be at the school and the time they are leaving and an emergency contact number. Sorry NO children will be allowed to come into the school just to visit friends.

Marg Masseni



PRINCIPALS AWARDS 28th November 2016

PrepHM	Andre Braganza	Amelie Callejo
PrepS	Mason Schembri	Zoe De Bono
Year 1/2HK	Sunniva Mullins	Thomas Hicks
Year 1/2S	Lachlan Moore	Tilly Delany
Year 1/2D	Charlie Sarai	Stella Ligudzinski
Year 1/2G	Christian Galea	Ava Cooper
Year 3/4M	James Lac	Erin Cucanic
Year 3/4S	Caitlin Kelly	Samuel Dowling
Year 3/4VH	Kiani Howell	James Hills
Year 5/6C	Ryan Dawson	Georgia Lemanis
Year 5/6L	Ethan Thorneycroft	Kate Ealem
Year 5/6M	Cody Harris	Ava Robertson

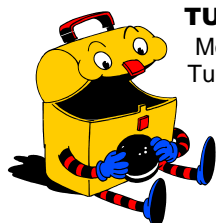


NORMIE THE GNOME is awarded to the House Team

who keeps their part of the yard the cleanest. This week's winner is: **YELLOW**

IMPORTANT DATES.

5/12	Year 6 Assembly	2.30pm
	Swimming Prep / Year 1/2 5th, 6th & 7th	11.00am – 3.00pm
7/12	Prep 2017 Orientation Day	9.00am – 10.45am
8/12	Prep 2017 Orientation Day	9.00am – 10.45am
9/12	Advent Liturgy Week 3	2.30pm
12/12	School Captain & Staff Assembly	2.30pm
	Advent Liturgy Week 4	2.30pm
13/12	Walk to School Day / Walking School Bus	
	Orientation Day Year 1-6	11.30 - 1.30 pm.
	Year 6 Graduation Mass	6.00pm – 7.00pm
	Year 6 Graduation Dinner - RSL	7.30pm – 10.00pm
16/12	End Of Year Mass	9.15am – 10.15am
	End Of School Year	3.20pm



TUCKSHOP HELPERS

Week beginning 5th December 2016

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Marylinda Abate

Anne Cooper

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

EDUCATION IN FAITH

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2017

Reconciliation: Term 1. Wednesday, 22nd March at 7pm.

First Eucharist: Term 2. Sunday 18th June at 3pm.

Confirmation: Term 3. Friday, 18th August 2017 at 7pm.

(The Sponsor must be a baptised Catholic over the age of 16).

Advent Liturgies

Make this a special preparation time as we wait for the Coming of the Messiah.

Week 3: Year1/2G, Prep S, 3/4S, 3/4VH

- Friday 9th December at 2:30pm.

Week 4: Prep HM, 5/6L, Year1/2D

- Monday 12th December at 11:30am.

Year 6 Graduation Mass: Tuesday 13th Dec - 6pm.

End of Year Mass: Friday 16th Dec - 9.15am.

ADVENT Week Two

Let us be awake and on the lookout for the God who comes to us in the everyday happenings: in the sunset we see; the kind words we hear; the fresh air we breathe; the faces of the people we love; the feelings we experience knowing that we are accepted and valued.

Open our eyes to what we need to see.

Open our ears to what we need to hear.

Open our hands to what we need to hold.

Open our hearts to what we need to feel.

Open our lives to be awake as we walk in the light of the Lord.

Parish News

Nativity Play:

A great opportunity for St Mary's students to take part in the annual Nativity Play as part of the 7pm Christmas Vigil Mass at Mary, Help of Christians Parish.

Rehearsals will take place on Sunday 4, 11 & 18th December from 10.30am to 11.30am in the Church. Parts for the play will be chosen on ***Sunday***

November 27th. (please meet in the Narthex). Children are expected to attend all 3 rehearsals, however if this is a problem please let a member of the Children's Liturgy know or phone Lucy at the Parish House on 9398 2964.

Permission Forms are available from the Narthex, School Office or Parish House.

Completed forms may be left in the box provided in the Narthex, School Office or placed in the Parish House letterbox (marked attention Lucy) by no later than ***Sunday 20th November, 2016.***



Parish News

You are invited to join members of other Altona Christian communities at Two Ecumenical Advent Services to be held at 7pm on the first two Wednesdays of Dec: 7th December at St. Eanswythe's Anglican Church 14th December at St. Mary's Church. Each service will be about 30 minutes in length.



"I am full of hope in God who has been so good to us all".

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 1898



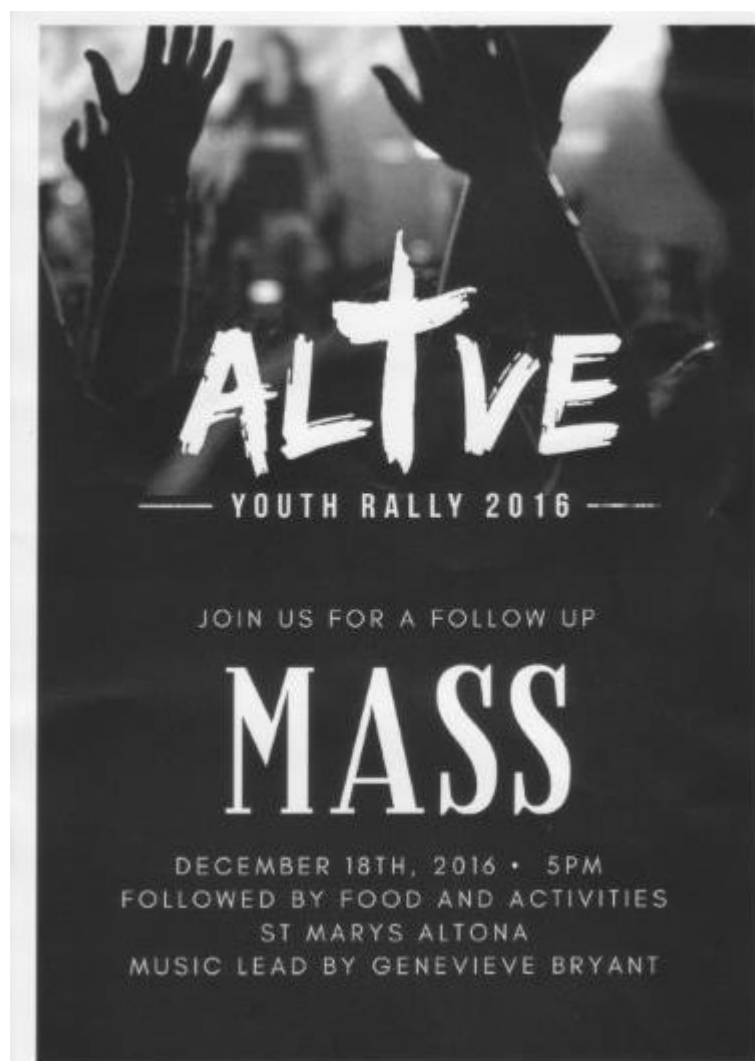
UNIFORM SHOP 2017

Uniform Shop hours for 2017 will be Monday 8.30am - 9am and Thursday 2.30pm-3.10pm. We are still looking for volunteers to help out. Please email if you are willing to help.

We will be open the day before school starts for children, Monday 30th January **11am - 12.30pm ONLY** for last minute supplies. Please ensure that you have enough uniforms, in the correct sizes prior to the end of Term 4.

A reminder that any uniform order 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 will be sent home in your child's school bag. Items can be ordered and paid for during the school holidays and will be available for pick up from the school office on the first day of school for children, Tuesday 31st January 2017.

Please note that the last day the Uniform Shop will be open this year is Wednesday 14th December.



CONDOLENCES

Please keep Nicholas Christodoulou (3/4VH) and his family in your prayers following the recent passing of his grandfather. Please also keep Mrs Margaret Jones (Staff) and her family on the recent passing of her sister.



LIFE TO THE FULL

Emmanuel College

Congratulations to Aydan Norman member of the class of 2017 at

Emmanuel and alumnus of St Mary's Altona, has been appointed Cassidy Sports Captain for 2017.



The Koorringal Golf Club

Foundation is holding a Family Fun Day on December the 11th. The event starts at 1pm and goes to 6pm. We are inviting the whole of the community to this fantastic

event. We have organised lots of free entertainment including live music, free rides and activates for the whole family. As well as cooking demonstrations, there will be food truck on site, wine tasting, PGA hitting practice and Santa arriving at 5pm with a small gift for every child.
<http://www.koorringalgolf.com.au>

Tennis Programs Victoria www.tennisprogramsvictoria.com

School Holiday Clinic

Westside indoor sports

Cnr Grieve Pde & Dohertys Rd Altona North

Date: Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd December 2016

Time: 9am – 4pm

Bring packed lunch & bottle water

Term 1 enrolments for hotshots & junior coaching programs (numbers are limited)

Cost: \$45 one day or \$70 for two days

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