Dear Parents

Hopefully all of our mums received their invitation to our School and Parish Special Mother’s Day Celebration at the 9.00 am mass at St. Mary’s Church this Sunday. We have children, mums and grandmothers involved throughout this celebration as well as our school choir singing. We hope as many of our school families as possible can attend.

IMPORTANT: PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR SIX:
If you have received an Offer and/or Confirmation of a Placement for your child/ren in Year Seven for 2015 please send a note to our school office or email your child’s teacher by Tuesday 13th May. If you are intending sending your child to a Government Secondary School in 2015 please also notify us by Tuesday 13th May as we need to give you an Application for Year Seven package.

SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD:
The Annual General Meeting for the School Education Board will be held Next Tuesday 13th May in the school staffroom commencing at 7.30 pm. There are four parent representative vacancies presently on the Board. Nomination forms can be accessed from our school website, “Notes & Forms” along with information on the Purpose and Major Functions of the School Education Board. If you would like to discuss what is involved please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the past or present members (they were listed in last week’s newsletter).

GOOD IDEA!
I recommend the Parents & Friends fundraising idea of the Re-Usable Insulated Lunch Order Bags. The insulation will ensure your child’s lunch stays warmer for longer, than in a brown paper bag. Being re-usable it also creates less wastage around our school, assisting in our ongoing efforts to be an environmentally friendly and responsible school. Please return the Order Form (which was in last week’s newsletter and can be accessed in “Notes & Forms” on our school website) along with your cash payment ($12.50) in an envelope clearly marked ‘Stickybeaks Order’.

RECONCILIATION FAMILY WORKSHOP:
Thank you to all our Year Three families that attended Wednesday night’s Family Workshop. This was an integral part of their preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 4th June. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

FOOTY TIPPING:
No one correctly selected all 9 winners last round so the Jackpot is $25.00. It will be calculated over the next three split rounds Good Luck!

David Kelly.
Principal.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:
Congratulations to the following children who received Principals Awards on Monday: Keely Williams, Sam Pelins, Amelia Papal, Jordan Schembri, Lachlan Vandeligt, Lucas Galea, Sunita Daravong, Isla McAvoy, Ally Smedley, Matthew Nevins, Peter Azzopardi, Hannah DeSimone, Daniel Micallef, Isabelle Paras, Chloe Smedley, Ally Christodoulou, Ben Hussey and Mia Vuleta.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

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TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 12th May

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Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
WEDNESDAYS 8.30 AM – 9.00 AM & 3.00 PM – 3.30 PM

If you are unable to visit our shop, order forms can be collected from the School Foyer and complete with payment left at the School Office. Orders will be filled on the next open day and can be left for collection at the School Office or sent to your child’s classroom.

Penny Ealem Co-ordinator and
Assisted by Linda Walkers
EDUCATION IN FAITH

Reconciliation
Thank you to all our Reconciliation students and parents for your attendance and participation in last weekend’s Rite of Acceptance masses. This was an important process beneficial to our parish community. As each family and the parish assisted the students through their prayers and support, the students affirmed their intentions to participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

SACRAMENT OF Penance
Wednesday 4th June, 7pm
Mary, Help of Christians Church, Altona.

PARISH / SCHOOL MOTHER’S DAY MASS:
Just a reminder for ALL families to attend and be a part of this special celebration, to pay tribute to the outstanding role our Mothers’ play in all our lives. 9.00 am Mass this Sunday 11th May.

A Mothers’ Day Prayer
Thank you, Creator God, for your special gift of mothers; for the example of your unconditional love they share with their children.

Lord, today we pray you will protect and guide mothers everywhere; that you will grant them your wisdom in loving and teaching their children.

We honour, celebrate and reflect on the women who gave us birth, or adopted us into their heart.

We thank you Lord, for life, and for all Mums!

Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
*All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
* All students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance.
* Mothers everywhere, those with us today and those who hold a special place in our hearts.

Olive Chodowski  REL

“God could not be everywhere and therefore He made mothers.” - Jewish proverb

ARE YOU PART OF ST. MARY’S READING ACTIVITIES ….?...READ BELOW AND JOIN IN!

Read More in May...

National Reading Month... Read 10 minutes every day in May and complete the ‘Holy Cheese Read’ form by Wed. 4th June. Extra copies are in the office.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
MEET our LATEST CHAMP
Congratulations …….. see Eleanor’s photo and photos of ALL our Champs so far …..in the TRI Centre……come on everyone GET READING!

HOME READING BAGS…..The Uniform Shop is now selling school Take Home Reading bags.

PARENT LITERACY COURSES AT ST. MARY’S IN TERM TWO.
Two courses will be held this term for parents, particularly with children in Years Prep to 2, to help them assist their child with reading and spelling.

1. Helping your Child with Reading at Home
DATES: Tuesday 13th May 9.00 -10.30 am
Thursday 12th June *Session Repeated.
7.00 – 8.30pm – parking on Netball Court

VENUE: TRI Centre (upstairs)

2. THRASS – Linked to Helping with Spelling & Reading
DATES: Thursday 15th May – 7.00 – 8.00 pm
parking on Netball Court
Wednesday 11th June 9.00 – 10.00 am *Session Repeated.

VENUE: TRI Centre (upstairs)

***Please complete form in News, Notes & Forms on School Website, contact Gwenda Burnett on gburnett@smaltona.catholic.edu.au or leave name at office.

Replies for Tuesday 13th May need to be in by Monday 12th May. Currently NOT enough parents to hold the course.

Gwenda Burnett
Literacy Leader.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL. Each month members of our St. Mary’s Junior School Council attend a meeting at the Hobsons Bay council along with other school in our area to talk about what has been happening in our schools and raise issues or concerns with the council.

Thank you to our JSC representatives Rowan Cucanic, Chante Mullins, Xander Ianna, Isabelle De Simone, James Curran and Thomas Kruger who attended the May Hobsons Bay Junior School Council meeting. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school and will share what they heard with our school JSC group at our next meeting. A special thanks to Rowan who spoke on the schools behalf.

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MOTHERS DAY STALL THANK YOU
The Mothers Day Stall would not run without the time and efforts of the parents in our school. We would like to thank the following parents who helped in the organisation, ordering, preparation and facilitating of our Mothers Day Stall. Especially to, Sandra Deller and Jessica DeBono who took over 100 gifts home to individually package. Special thanks also to Helen Mullins sister for generously donating a very large box of beautiful gifts for the children to purchase. Finally to Cheri Steen for organising the set up and facilitating the smooth running of the actual event. Also a huge THANK YOU to Dianne Howell, Liz Lalor, Nicole Umana, Patrice Cassar, Michelle Green, Emma Denys, Diane Howell, Anne Cooper, Lila Sougleris, Tania Sortino, Sinead Cucanic, Lisa Murphy, Marylinda Abate, Jenny Giardina, Leanne Vandeligt, Cathy Armery, Amy Sarai, Penny Ealam and Julian Yacono.

STICKYBEAKS RE-USABLE INSULATED LUNCH BAGS
Keep your orders coming in. “Hurry” Orders are due and payable by 16th May, 2014. Don’t miss out on this great offer and the opportunity to help raise money for your child/ren’s school. Don’t forget if you would like to view the lunch bags they are available in the School Office Foyer.

INTER SCHOOL SPORT
Our first game was played today against Williamstown Primary Blue. Results will be in next week’s newsletter. Next week’s game will be played away against Altona PS. Please note that Football will be played at the Civic Parade ovals.

DOING IT RIGHT Weeks One – Three - Term Two
Many children have been seen Doing It Right around the school this week. They have been handing things in at the office, helping with Walk / Ride to School, taking pride in the environment, working hard, letting friend’s join in, emptying Mr Kelly & Mrs Burnett’s bins cheerfully, politely and competently and loads of other great things.
Prep S: Lucas
1/2H: Claire J, David, Shawn
1/2K: Caitlyn G, Brodie C, Jett
1/2D: Isla M, Lucas G
3/4M: Mulunesh, Liam C, Livinia
3/4L: Luke V, Lizzie, Joaquin, Amelie, Kate E,
3/4S: Aiden, Emma K
5/6C: Xander, Leah, Chante
5/6G: Verity,

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info@campaustralia.com.au
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(CAMP AUSTRALIA) bookings or cancellations please
contact them direct.

GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA
“Girl Guides Australia has started a new unit in Altona. Girl
Guides aims to help girls reach their potential and be their
best-whatever their ability and background. We
meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8pm at the Guide
Hall on the corner of Civic Parade and Sugargum Drive and
are welcoming new members from 5 years of age. Come
down and see what we are all about!”

WILLIAMSTOWN LITERACY FESTIVAL
The festival runs over the weekend of 31st May – 1st June
with lead-up events in the preceding week.
As the first and biggest literary festival in the west, I am
pleased to invite you to the launch of our program at the
Williamstown Town Hall, Council Chamber 104 Ferguson
Street Williamstown on Thursday 8 May, 11.00am.
We have a stellar line up of over 60 authors delivering a
fabulous program around “A Sense of Place”, exploring
ideas about local community, landscape as a place and our
attachment to home. Wider afield we visit the collective
memory and myths around Anzac and Eureka and the role
and place of women writers in history and politics.
Special guests include Rafael Epstein, Bernard Salt, Eva
Cox, Dr Tony Birch (The Promise), Dr Clare Wright (The
Forgotten Rebels of Eureka), and Emily Bitto (The Strays)
and many more.
We hope that you can join us to celebrate the launch
preview of what could be the best quality packet of literary
feasting in 2014.
Please RSVP via reply email to
bcliffe@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

ACT 1 – SCHOOL FOR YOUNG ACTORS
Where: 1 Hiddick Road, Point Cook
When: Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

ACT 1 School for Young Actors is a brand new school in Point Cook. We offer acting classes for Prep’s right through to VCE students. For more info visit www.act1school.com or email info@act1school.com

Use our WALKING SCHOOL BUS... On National Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 23rd May
Two Meeting points:
Esplanade and Corner Sargood Street (beach side of the road) AND Corner of Mc Intyre Drive & Civic Parade
Meeting Time: 8.10 am, Walk Starting Time: 8.15am

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY - (Return to Mrs Masseni) FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2014
Esplanade and Corner Sargood Street (beach side of the road) AND
Corner of Mc Intyre Drive and Civic Parade (North side of Civic Parade)

Family name: _____________________________ Contact Phone No.: ___________________________
No. of children: ___________________________ No. of Adults ___________________________
I CAN HELP TO SUPERVISE – NAME........................................................................

EMAIL:................................................................................................................................

Do you have a working with Children Check? Yes or No

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Want to find out more about how to **IDENTIFY ANXIETY IN YOUR CHILD** and learn some **CREATIVE STRATEGIES TO USE** when anxious moments occur?

**PSYCHOLOGIST DR NATALIE FLATT WILL SPEAK ON THE TOPIC ON MONDAY 19TH MAY @ 9.00 am UPSTAIRS IN THE TRI CENTRE.**

Return the form below if you are interested in attending or email mmasseni001@smaltona.catholic.edu.au. Return form is also available on the school website.

After her 45 minute talk, Natalie will also be available to chat to individuals over a cuppa.

**WHAT SOME LAST YEARS ATTENDEES SAID....**

The anxiety talk helped me understand my own anxieties and highlighted things that I need to consider regarding the anxieties of my children. It was very enlightening and very well presented. – Penny Ealem

The session on children's anxiety was very informative. It gave parents a very clear understanding about the different anxiety disorders children can develop and the reassurance that there is help available for families to overcome these problems. - Vicki B

Although Natalie’s talk will be the same as last year’s, I’m sure she will present a few new tips and ideas...we would love to have you along again. 

**Please bring along family members and friends who might be interested. The more the merrier!!**

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**PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – ANXIETY WITH NATALIE FLATT**

(Return to Marg Masseni by Wednesday 14th May)

- I will be attending the Anxiety Session

**NAME: ________________________________**

**CHILD’S NAME & GRADE ___________________**

**CONTACT NUMBER: _______________________________**

**EMAIL ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________________________**

**MARGARET MASSENI (WELLBEING and PE / SPORT LEADER)**