Dear Parents
Thank you to the school families that attended our School / Parish celebration of Mother’s Day at the 9.00 am. Mass last Sunday. Congratulations and thank you to Liz Lalor who shared some personal reflections on being a mother and to Sara and Anna Adani and Mark Misquitta who shared some thoughts about their mothers. Thank you to Danielle Stewart, Isabelle Pisani, Mulunesh Teshomi, Elizabeth Teshomi, Sara Adani, Alessia Abate, Porsha Guerrera, Millie Pilditch, Evelyn Nguyen, Ava Steinhardt who sang so beautifully in our school choir. Thank you also to Morag Zun who organised all of the music and the choir for the Mass and Gwenda Burnett for her overall co-ordination of the Mass.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS FEAST DAY: (24th May)
On Friday 23rd May we will be celebrating is Mary Help of Christians Feast Day. All classes will be attending the 9.15 am Mass and all parents are invited to join us at this celebration. The Parents & Friends Association are putting on a free hot dog lunch and drink. Please fill in the order form in this newsletter and return to school by Wednesday 21st May. The Parents & Friends would appreciate some assistance on Friday so if you can help please contact someone on the Parents & Friends or leave your name at the school office. “many hands make light work”.

SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD:
The Annual General Meeting for the School Education Board was held last Tuesday. Reports from the School Board, the Parents & Friends Association and the School were tabled. These can be accessed from our school website, ‘News, Notes & Forms’. Congratulations to the following parents who were elected onto the School Education Board as Parent Representatives, Diane Howell and Paul Moore, Ellie Corbo who was the Parents & Friends representative on the Board has resigned from that role but has remained on as a parent representative. I thank these parents for their willingness to be involved.

PARENTS & FRIENDS:
The Parents & Friends are organising a Cocktail Night for the 9th August and are looking for donations to be included in a silent auction to be held on the night. If you have something you would like to donate or you know of somebody or some business that might be willing to donate something please contact Madeline Didenkowski and she will supply you with an official letter from the school. Mark this date in your diary as it sounds like a night not to be missed. More details in the Parents & Friends section of this newsletter.

FOOTY TIPPING:
Well done to the 5 people who correctly selected Adelaide to win last night. There are 15 people within 3 points of the lead. Good Luck!

UNIFORM SHOP:
As you know our two wonderful mums who have been running our Uniform Shop are finishing up at the end of Term Three this year and we need someone or a couple of parents to replace them. The new person or people are free to arrange opening times to suit their availability. We are also open to more online ordering. If interested please speak to either Penny, Linda or myself.

Prayers for Olive Chodowski’s mother in law who passed away during the week.

David Kelly.
Principal.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:
Congratulations to the following children who received Principals Awards on Monday:

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EDUCATION IN FAITH

SACRAMENT OF PENCEANCE
Wednesday 4th June, 7.00 pm
Mary, Help of Christians Church, Altona.

MOTHER’S DAY MASS:
Thanks to everyone who attended and helped organise last weekend’s Mother’s Day Mass. Many thanks to our wonderful readers and speakers and to all staff who worked behind the scenes to create such a beautiful celebration.

Mary Help of Christians Feast Day
An invitation to all families to come along and celebrate our parish feast day (24th May) on next Friday 23rd May with a WHOLE SCHOOL MASS at 9:15am. Please come, support and join your children in prayer.

Life
Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is bliss, taste it.
Life is a dream, realise it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfil it.
Life is a sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.

---- Mother Teresa

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.

Olive Chodowski REL

“Courage, courage, trust in God who helps you in all things.”
Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1880)

PARENT LITERACY COURSES AT ST. MARY’S IN TERM TWO

THANK YOU to the parents who attended the Helping Your child with Reading at Home on Tuesday this week. I hope you have already put into practice all the new strategies and skills you learnt please come and see me at anytime if you need extra help or ideas

NEXT TWO COURSES
1. THRASS – Linked to Helping with Spelling & Reading
DATE: Wednesday 11th June
9.00 – 10.00 am
VENUE: TRI Centre (upstairs)

2. HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH READING AT HOME
DATE: Thursday 12th June
*Session Repeated.
7.00 – 8.30pm (park on netball court)
VENUE: TRI Centre (upstairs) Enter via Sargood Street.

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

MORE NEW READING CHAMPS – CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS.
See their photos in the TRI Centre.

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Gwenda Burnett
Deputy Principal / Literacy Leader.

NORMIE THE GNOME
Normie the Gnome is awarded to the House Team who keeps their part of the yard the cleanest. This week’s winner is:

GREEN TEAM

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 19th 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 Wakfer

SIMULTANEOUS READING - On TUESDAY 20TH MAY
our school is taking part in National Simultaneous Reading Day. From 9.00 – 9.15 am you will see ALL STUDENTS and STAFF reading together, with a friend or by themselves….so….GRAB a book and join in.

We have had LOTS of children and their families come to N2R…hope to see you there too. It is on Tuesday and Thursday from 8.20 am in the TRI Centre.

HAVE YOU FILLED IN 16 CHEESE PIECES? If you have you are on the way to finishing the ‘Holy Cheese Read’ competition. It is National Reading Month so simply read 10 minutes every day in May and return your form by Wednesday 4th June.

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MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS FEAST DAY

This will be celebrated on Friday 23rd May. Traditionally the Parents & Friends have provided a small treat for the students. We would like to continue this and were looking to provide a hotdog and drink for the students during lunch, but we need volunteers to be able to provide this service. If you are able to help during lunchtime on the Friday 23rd May. Please contact any member of the Parents & Friends or fill out the tear out slip at the end of the newsletter and give it to the school office as soon as possible. We will not be able to do this without your help so please try and help us with this.

SAVE THE DATES

The Parents & Friends have some exciting events coming up in the next few months, so be sure to mark them on your calendars.

MOVIE NIGHT

Join us at 7.00 pm in the Tri Centre on Friday 13th June for a movie night. Kids will watch a movie upstairs whilst parents enjoy a drink & nibbles downstairs.

COCKTAIL PARTY AND SILENT AUCTION

Book your babysitters, this is an evening just for the adults. We will be having our first annual Cocktail Party at The Royal Yacht Club in Williamstown on Saturday 6th August. Friends & Family will be welcome for what should be a great night. Stay tuned for more details for both events will be published in newsletters to come.

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

Fundraising, fundraising, fundraising! We know it makes people cringe and moan, but unfortunately it is necessary to maintain the school's infrastructure. Last year's combined fundraising efforts by the Parents and Friends Committee were utilised this year to purchase 30 new computers for classrooms plus 13 new laptops to support our Inter-Active Whiteboards in our classrooms.

Our Cocktail Party will include a fabulous silent auction. In order to make our event and silent auction a success, we are asking local business owners for donations of monies to fund the event; or goods, services or vouchers to auction. Your donation will enhance our auction and will give your business publicity as well. All donations will be publicly acknowledged in several ways.

We have already received a number of donations from businesses such as Breeze Beauty, Video Ezy, Wyncity, Bowling & Entertainment, Clip n Climb Richmond, Luna Park and b4w Point Cook.

We're looking for vouchers for meals in restaurants and cafes; for services (i.e. manicure, car service, floral arrangement; printing); or gods (i.e. gourmet food items, wine, beauty products, gardening equipment, tools etc.). Think outside the square, the best auction items are unique and may involve an experience. For instance if you work in an interesting workplace (i.e. policeman, fireman) you could offer a family tour of your work; or perhaps you know a chef who might offer to cook a dinner party for 3 couples; or a cake maker who could provide a cupcake tower for the night. Have a gift at home that you don't like, re-gift it to our Auction. We'll be making up themed hampers too (i.e. Pasta Perfection, Chocoholic, Crafty Kids, Family Night In), so if you'd like to purchase a small item to contribute we'd be most appreciative.

For more information or a letter to request a donation (from friends or family members' businesses), please contact Madeline Didenkowski. madeline@madelinewishart.com.au

INTER SCHOOL SPORT

Last week we played against Williamstown Primary Blue. We lost FOOTBALL 6 – 141. We won all other sports. NETBALL GIRLS 29 – 1, NETBALL MIXED 24 – 2, TEEBALL 19 – 2 and SOCCER 6 - 0

Today we played away against Altona PS. Results in next week's newsletter.

Next week we will play AWAY against Seafolme. Please note that SOCCER will be played at the Sugar Gum Drive pitch and Tee Ball on the Seafolme Kinder reserve.

Netball and Footy will be at Seafolme Primary School.

DOING IT RIGHT Weeks 1 – 3 Term Two

Many children have been seen Doing It Right around the school this week. They have been great reading buddies, doing wonderful persuasive writing (Dominic persuaded Mr Rees to wear a suit to school), taking pride in the environment, doing a fantastic job of emptying Mr Kelly’s and Mrs Burnett’s bins and loads of other great things.

Prep S: Sam P, Christian G,
1/2H: James,
1/2K: Lachlan,
5/6C: Dominic, Angelo, Blake,

Margaret Masseni (Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader)

Musicians, singers, dancers, actors, back-stage, sound and lighting crews are well into final rehearsals for the Emmanuel College production of The Wiz to be performed at McCoy Hall, St Paul’s Campus, 7.30pm on Thursday 22 May and Friday 23 May. For ticket purchases go to www.tickethost.com.au.
PARENTS AND FRIENDS VOLUNTEER FORM
for Mary’s Help of Christian Feast Day Lunch on Friday 23rd May 2014

Name:_________________________________________ Contact No. __________________________________

Childs Name: __________________________________ Year Level: __________________________

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

PARENTS AND FRIENDS
Reply Slip for Hot Dogs / Juice for Mary Help of Christians Feast Day – Friday 23rd May

This slip MUST be returned by WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY
Sorry! Late orders will NOT be accepted

NAME OF CHILD: ___________________________ CLASS: __________________________

NO. OF HOT DOGS: ___________________________ DRINK: YES OR NO

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Please note that there will NOT be a Vegetarian or Gluten Free option available and the CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED on this day.

WILLIAMSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB – HOME GAME HALF TIME GAMES
Please return to MRS MASSENI by Monday 26th May.

My Child ____________________________ will participate in the half time games on 8th June at the Williamstown Football ground.

Parent’s Name ____________________________ Mobile Number ________________________

Email Address ____________________________

WILLIAMSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB .............has given the opportunity to provide half time entertainment for the crowd just like at half time in the AFL games at their home game against Werribee FC on Sunday 8th June.

We can send along students of all ages and skill level, boys and girls, to be involved in small games played at half time. Two lucky students will be chosen to run through the banner will the senior players at the start of the game!!! Parents and children would meet Williamstown FC staff just prior to half time. The children will be given jumpers to wear during the game (Please note these are not kept by the students).

If your child is interested in participating on the day, please fill in the slip below and I will contact you further. If you would like more information before completing the form, please email me. Marg Masseni: mmasseni001@smaltona.catholic.edu.au 

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