Dear Parents

Thank you to the many families who were able to join us at the 9.15 am mass today to celebrate our Feast Day, Mary Help of Christians (24th May). Thank you to Mrs Burnett for her organisation of the mass and to the staff and children who participated in one way or another. Thank you also to Michelle Green and her band of helpers who supplied hot dogs and a drink to every classroom. Thank you to the Parents & Friends for this generous and greatly appreciated donation to help celebrate our Feast Day.

**ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY:**

On Monday every family in the school will be receiving an envelope containing:

- An invitation to participate in the Enhancing Catholic School Identity survey which will assist us in better understanding how our Catholic Identity is expressed in work and practice here at St. Mary’s.
- Instructions for Adults completing the survey including the survey site, the website’s general password and the Group Entry Code.
- A note asking parents of children in Year 5 and 6 to contact the school office if they do not wish their child to participate in the Enhancing Catholic School Identity Survey.

**YEAR 6 CAMP:**

We have a very excited group of Year 6 students who are looking forward to their Year 6 Camp next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Camp Curumbene, Corop. Their classroom teachers, Ms Jacqueline Gomez, Ms Lisa Vella, Ms Olive Chodowski as well as Ms Nicole Singleton and myself will be accompanying the children.

In the case of an emergency the children can be contacted during school hours by ringing the school office on 9398 4842 or after hours on 0417 326 607.

Mrs Gwenda Burnett will be Acting Principal while I am at camp.

**PREP 2015:**

This week I have completed interviewing all parents that have completed an Application for Enrolment for 2015. We currently have 50 applications with 32 of them being new families to St. Mary’s. If you know of anyone who is interested in enrolling their child at St. Mary’s for next year please let them know they will need to contact the school office immediately.

David Kelly.
Principal.

**CHICKEN POX**

There have been a couple of cases of Chicken Pox reported in Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 level at St Mary’s. Please ensure you check with your doctor before allowing your child to return to school.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK**

- **Monday 26th May** Assembly Prep S – 2.30 pm
- **Tuesday 27th May** Need to Read TRI Centre - 8.20
- **Wednesday 28th May** Year 1/2 - Excursion to the Zoo
- **Thursday 29th May** Year 6 Camp
- **Friday 30th May** Need 2 Read TRI Centre - 8.20
  - Year 6 Camp – Return

**EDUCATION IN FAITH**

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

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

**Mary Help of Christians**

Patroness of Australia and St. Mary’s. A brief history

In 1844, there were only three Bishops in Australia. At their very first Synod in that year, they requested the Pope to declare, as Australia’s special patron, the Mother of God under the title of Mary Help of Christians with her feast to be celebrated on May 24th. The feast was celebrated from 1844, even though it was not officially approved by Rome until 1852. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary, and was the first nation to choose her, under the title of Help of Christians, as Principal Patroness.

**Prayer to Mary Help of Christians**

Loving God, you place deep in our hearts
The love of Mary, Help of Christians.
Through her prayers grant wisdom
To our leaders and integrity to our citizens.
Under her protection may Australia
Be granted harmony, justice and peace.
Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
* A safe and happy Year Six camp.
* All students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

Olive Chodowski REL

“God kept my heart full of trust to make all come right.”

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1907)
PRINCIPALS AWARDS:
Congratulations to the following children who received Principals Awards on Monday:

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SIMULTANEOUS READING - On TUESDAY 20TH MAY
at 9.00 – 9.15am ALL STUDENTS and STAFF took part in National Simultaneous Reading Day. We had fun reading with a friend, with the teacher or just enjoyed reading a good book by ourselves. We know that the MORE we read the BETTER reader we become and the more our language knowledge improves……and it only takes 10 minutes a day to make the change. There are photos of this GREAT READING event on the pin board outside the staffroom and in the GALLERY on the school website.

PARENT LITERACY COURSES
AT ST. MARY’S IN TERM TWO
IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO PUT YOUR NAME DOWN.

The aim of both courses is to provide knowledge and practical skills for parents to help their child….especially those with children in junior classes.

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 & Forms on Website, contact Gwenda Burnett on gburnett@smalta.catholic.edu.au or leave name at school office.

PREMIER READING CHALLENGE
MEET our LATEST CHAMPS
Congratulations …… see photos of ALL our Champs so far …..in the TRI Centre….come on everyone GET READING!

YEAR LEVEL | NAME                  |
------------|-----------------------|
Prep S      | Dhriti Amin           |
            | Hugo Fischer          |
            | Lachlan Moore         |
3/ 4L       | Kate Ealem            |

REMEMBER – FOR SALE - TAKE HOME READING BAGS…..sold in the school Uniform Shop.

Gwenda Burnett
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:

RED TEAM

CANTEEN NEWS
“EXTRA, EXTRA” READ ALL ABOUT IT.
CANTEEN NEWS FLASH! NOW AVAILABLE SPAGETTI BOLOGNASE FOR ONLY $3.50 GET IT WHILE IT’S HOT!!

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 26th 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

Parents and Friends News
STICKYBEAKS RE-USABLE INSULATED LUNCH ORDER BAGS
It’s getting colder, these brilliant insulated lunch order bags will keep your kids lunch orders warm right through the Winter months. There is one in the foyer opposite the office for viewing. They are $12.50 each. Final orders are due by 30th of May. Please return this Order Form, along with your correct cash payment in an envelope clearly marked ‘Stickybeaks Order.’

St. Mary’s Altona Newsletter
“Caring Catholic Community in Education”
Parents and Friends News (Con’d)

COCKTAIL PARTY AND SILENT AUCTION
Saturday 9th August
We have received some wonderful donations for our cocktail party and silent auction from local businesses and some further afield. We’d like to thank Barlow McEwan & Tribe Real Estate Altona, Seaholme Dental Surgery, Altona Fresh, Group Purchasing For Catholic Communities, Arbonne, Luna Park, Adventure Park Geelong, Blue Illusion Williamstown, Essential Lingerie Williamstown, Chickibabes Beauty Salon Altona, Cattrapping Cattery for their donations this week. A special thanks to the Molinia (1/2D) and Pilditch (3/4S) families for generously donating wine for our auction, we’re sure they will be very well received.

We’re looking for baskets, decorative boxes, buckets or crates to make up our hampers, so if you’d like to donate one please leave it at the school office. We need a range of sizes.

Please contact Madeline before approaching any local businesses for a donation, as we have already approached the large majority of retailers in the area. For more information or a letter to request a donation (from friends or family members’ businesses), email Madeline at madeline@madelinewishart.com.au

MOVIE NIGHT
Join us at 7.00 pm in the Tri Centre on Friday 13th June for a movie night at St. Mary’s. Kids will watch a movie upstairs while parents enjoy a drink and nibbles downstairs. For more information please read the flyer and complete the form at the end of this Newsletter.

Kids Matter

INTER SCHOOL SPORT
Last week we played against Altona Primary School. We lost FOOTBALL 12 – 165 and lost NETBALL GIRLS 2 - 17. We won all other sports, NETBALL MIXED 20 - 0, TEEBALL 21 - 11 & SOCCER 5 – 1. Today we played away against Seaholme PS. Results in next week’s newsletter.

Next week we will play AWAY against Altona North. Some of our Year 4’s will be playing as our Year 6’s will be on camp. Good luck Year 4’s – we hope you have FUN!!!

DIVISIONAL CROSS COUNTRY
Good luck to Olivia Y, Chante M, Dlbanchi T, Ryan S and Ben H who will represent St. Mary’s and ADSSA at the Divisional CC on Tuesday 27th May. We hope you run well and enjoy the experience.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
23rd MAY
Thanks to everyone who join in with Walk Safely to School Day. A special thanks to the parents and Scott Sutton (Altona North police) who supervised our walking school buses.

DOING IT RIGHT Week 4 Term 2
Many children have been seen Doing It Right around the school this week. They have been leading the singing at the mother’s day mass, participating with enthusiasm in PE, listening well, making good choices, being kind to their classmates, taking pride in the environment, handing in money and loads of other great things.

Prep S: Christian G, Leon, Oscar, Thomas
1/2H: Luke, Samantha, Shaun,
1/2K: Lachlan, Bridie,
1/2D: Anthony, Lucas G, Nicholas C, Isla, Eleanor,
3/4M: Mulumeshe, Porsha,
3/4L: Alessia,
3/4S: Evelyn, Jade, Ava S, Milie,
5/6G: Danielle, Rowan, Isabella P,

Thanks to the many parents who attended our session on Anxiety in Children. All agreed that it was a worthwhile experience. I do have a copy of the power point that was used on the day. If you would like a copy please email me mmasseni001@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

Margaret Masseni
Physical Education Coordinator.

MEET THE PRINCIPAL TOUR
Emmanuel College will be holding a Meet the Principal and Tour for parents of prospective students of the College on:
Tuesday 27 May – 9.30 am Notre Dame Campus Point Cook
For further details contact our College Registrar on 8325 5119 or email enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

MSJ 2015
Limited places are available for 2015. Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.

MSJ Open Mornings - 9.30 – 10.30 am (Thursday)
29th May, 19th June, 31st July, 28th August, 11th September, 13th November 2014
MSJ Open Day 2014
Sunday 12th October, 11.00 am – 2.00 pm

GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA
"Girl Guides Australia has started a new unit in Altona. Girl Guides aims help girls reach their potential and be their best- whatever their ability and background. We meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8.00 pm 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 or contact Karen on 0416 398 209 for more info."
ST MARY’S MOVIE NIGHT
Friday 13th June 2014
7.00 - 8.30 pm

Interested in some great fun for all the family?
Then here’s the event you’ve been waiting for………………

Upstairs at the TRI Centre we will be showing a movie for the children. Children will be supervised the entire time by parent volunteers. Please put your name down to help. All school children and their preschool age siblings are invited to attend. *(Unfortunately we are not able to supervise children younger than pre school age).*

Downstairs at the TRI Centre there will be a wine and cheese night for parents. The ticket price includes a complimentary cheese platter. Wine and beer will be on sale.

*This will be a great time for children to have fun with their friends and for parents to get together and relax knowing their children are entertained and supervised upstairs by you and other parents.*

Important details:

Bookings: Can be made on the slip over the page and returned to the office via the classroom.

Prices: $5.00 child ticket  
$10.00 adult ticket  
$20.00 Family ticket

Movie: To be decided

Guidelines:

- Siblings who are of preschool age can attend the movie. Younger children will need to join their parents downstairs.
- Children will be supervised at all times during the movie and will be accompanied to find their parent downstairs if necessary. Children will not leave the venue unless accompanied by their parent/s.

To make it a successful night for everyone we need assistance. The more parent helpers we have, the easier it will be. If you are able to help out please fill in the attached slip and return it to the office via the classroom.

Need more information? Please contact Garry 0400 971 101

We look forward to seeing you!
St Mary’s Movie Night Volunteer Reply Slip

Name:____________________________________________________________________________________

Phone:____________________________________________________________________________________
(Mobile phone if possible for the convenience of text messages)

Email:____________________________________________________________________________________

Eldest child’s name & class:____________________________________________________________________________

I can help on the night with:

☐ Help on the bar
☐ Supervision of the movie

7.00 - 7.30 pm 7.30 – 8.00 pm 8.00 - 8.30 pm
☐ Set up
☐ Pack up

Thank you for your assistance with this great event.

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St Mary’s Movie Night Ticket Order
Please return to School Office as soon as possible.

Name:____________________________________________________________________________________

Phone:____________________________________________________________________________________
(Mobile phone if possible for the convenience of text messages)

Email:____________________________________________________________________________________

Eldest child’s name & class:____________________________________________________________________________

I wish to purchase:

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* Please note a ticket won’t be returned to you – your booking will go on the list for the night.

Number of adults: 
Number of children: 

Amount enclosed: $__________

Please ensure that the correct money is enclosed.

Thank you for your support of this great event.