Dear Parents

PARENT COMMUNICATION SURVEY
You have been sent today a Communication Survey that I am asking all families to fill in and return to school by Friday 16th August. The purpose of the survey is to gather information from you on the BEST ways we can communicate with you. It gives you an opportunity to TELL us how you prefer to receive information and how we can improve the current ways we inform you about news, upcoming events, policies etc. Please take the time to complete the survey, as effective communication is essential to our School and Community partnership.

PARENTS & FRIENDS SCHOOL RAFFLE
Thank you to the families who have already sold their book of tickets for the School Raffle. Should you want more books you can get them from the office. This is a GREAT fundraiser for the school so please try hard to sell your tickets. All sold or unsold books need to be returned to the school by Wednesday 14th August.

JEANS FOR GENES
What a successful day we had today wearing our jeans to raise money for medical research. LOTS and LOTS of students and teachers took part and we raised approximately $200.00. A great effort for a fantastic cause!

SCHOOL LOGO UPDATE
Have you noticed anything different on the front page of our newsletter? If you answered the school logo, then you are right. Our full school logo will now be seen on all letterheads and school items.

CONGRATULATIONS
Well done to James and Liam Curran who recently competed in the Victorian State Royal Life Saving Indoor competitions in Greensborough. James won silver medals for the 50m Obstacle and Tube throwing events Liam won a silver medal for the 25m relay.

EXTRA FORMS
If you have misplaced a school reply form remember you can always find them on the school website in News and Notes as repeat forms are no longer re-printed in later newsletters forms will not be reprinted in newsletter.

FOOTY FUN DAY
Our Footy Fun Day is on Friday 9th August. It is a great day for everyone, so please read the information about the day later in newsletter so that you can join in and enjoy the day. Have you guessed who our visiting football player is?

FOOTY TIPPING
In Round 18 lots of tipsters picked 8 teams correctly however congratulations goes to Millie Pilditch and Julian Yacono who picked 9 winners each receiving $10.00. The prize for Round 19 is $10.00.

MR KELLY ......IS BACK
Mr Kelly will be back at school next Wednesday and I know that he has had a fantastic holiday and is keen to see everyone again and we are equally looking forward to seeing him.

Mrs Gwenda Burnett
Acting Principal.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

St. Mary’s Altona Newsletter
“Caring Catholic Community in Education”
NOVEMBER
21st Walk/Ride to School Day
4th School Closure Day
5th Melbourne Cup Day – No School
11th Assembly 5/6L – 2.30 pm
18th Assembly School Captains & Guitar Group – 2.30 pm
25th Prayer Assembly 5/6C – 2.40 pm

DECEMBER
2nd Assembly Prep S & Prep H – 2.30 pm
9th Assembly 5/6G – 2.30 pm
10th Walk/Ride to School Day
16th Staff Assembly

SAINTS OF THE 21ST CENTURY

"We need saints without cassocks, without veils - we need saints with jeans and tennis shoes. We need saints that go to the movies that listen to music that hang out with their friends. We need saints that place God in first place ahead of succeeding in any career. We need saints that look for time... to pray every day and who know how to be in love with purity, chastity and all good things. We need saints - saints for the 21st century with a spirituality appropriate to our new time. We need saints that have a commitment to helping the poor and to make the needed social change. We need saints to live in the world, to sanctify the world and to not be afraid of living in the world by their presence in it. We need saints that drink Coca-Cola, that eat hot dogs, that surf the internet and that listen to their iPods. We need saints that love the Eucharist, that are not afraid or embarrassed to eat a pizza or drink a beer with their friends. We need saints who love the movies, dance, sports and theatre. We need saints that are open sociable normal happy companions. We need saints who are in this world and who know how to enjoy the best in this world without being callous or mundane. We need saints."

- Pope Francis, World Youth Day 2013

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
* All members of our community who are in need of our prayerful support.

Olive Chodowski
Religious Education Coordinator

GRANDPARENTS DAY/SPECIAL FRIENDS PHOTOS READY FOR ORDERING
Photos of our fantastic celebration are now on display outside Prep S and are available to order (copies will be printed at Officeworks) for a donation of $30 a print. This money will go towards a charity of the Schools choice.

How to order: On an envelope please include the following:
- Child’s name and class
- Photo code (on white dot)
- Number of copies required
- CORRECT MONEY PLEASE

All envelopes are to be handed to the Literacy Room
Ladies (Nicole, Kathleen, Maree or Marg) not the office.
Thank You.

PARENT READING COURSE - HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH READING – Thursday 1st August
Thank you to the many parents who attended either the day or evening course and discovered HOW children learn to read, WHY oral language is so important and the MANY ways you can help your child with their reading.
I look forward to hearing about how you are using your new skills.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
CHAMPS. Are you one yet? Check the front page of our school website and find out WHO is a CHAMP. AND also see our champs faces on the door to the TRI Centre.

Hope to see your name and face there soon.
Congratulations to our NEW Premiers Reading Challenge Champs….great job!!

1/2H – Daniel, Gabrielle and Lachland
1/2K – Ava
3/4S – Ben
5/6C – Maxwell

Gwenda Burnett
Literacy Leader.

FOOTY FUN DAY

The JSC are having Footy Fun Day on Thursday 9th August

Everyone join in and dress up in your favourite footy clothing.

Wear your footy jumpers, team colours, scarves and hats.

Bring your flags and banners and get ready to sing your club song.

It is 50 cents per student or $1.00 per family to wear football clothing.

DON’T FORGET
****FACE PAINTING on the day – 50cents****
from 8.20 am on the Netball court.

****Put your FOOTY LUNCH order in as soon as you can.
****Footy assembly in the hall from 11.30 am.

****If you don’t like footy then you can still join in by paying 50 cents and wear your favourite clothes.

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO OUR SPONSOR CHILD – Win Naing

DOING IT RIGHT
Congratulations to the following children who have been getting along well with others, being great leaders, helping people and doing loads more great things…..Zedekiah D (Prep S), Nicholas C (1/2M), James F, Amelie W, Fikre T, Sulayman S, Alessis A, Jessica O, Peter A, Hannah D (3/4F), Ciara S, Matthew H, Olivia V, Kelvin, Jazmine (5/6L), Louis N, Khyle A, Rowan, Shannon C (5/6G).
**Parents and Friends News**

**FOOTY FUN DAY**
Our Annual Footy Fun Day is approaching quickly and the excitement is building amongst the children! If you haven't done so already, please return your Subway lunch orders as soon as possible. $2.00 from each order goes towards helping our sponsor child Win Niang. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with delivering lunches to classrooms on the day. **Please note that the TUCKSHOP WILL NOT BE OPEN ON THIS DAY.**

**SCHOOL RAFFLE TICKETS**
We have received quite a few raffle tickets back for the School raffle. To be in the chance to win some fantastic prizes and raise money for the school, please ensure you have your families tickets back by Wednesday 14th August.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING**
We all had a very successful meeting last night, excellent turnout, thank you to all the parents who came. We discussed some very interesting topics which we look forward to following up in our next meeting.

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**ATHLETICS TRIALS**
On the 12th August we will be running trials to choose Year 3 – 6 students to represent St Mary's at the District Athletics. These trials will be held at the Altona Athletics track from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm. Set up will begin at 8.30 am.
If you have some time to help us out we would appreciate it.
Please complete the form below and return it to Mrs Masseni via the school office. You could also email mmasseni001@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

DISTRICT ATHLETICS TRIALS

- I am available on the 12th August to help out at the Athletics Trials at the Altona Athletics Track
- I can help to set up at 8.30 am
- I can help from 8.30 am – 1.00 pm
- I can help from ______________ to _______________

PARENT’S NAME: ______________________________________________________________________

CONTACT NUMBER: ____________________________________________________________________

EMAIL: ______________________________________________________________________________

CHILD’S NAME___________________________________________ YEAR ________________________

Margaret Masseni
Physical Education Coordinator.
PARENT COMMUNICATION SURVEY

***PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY AND RETURN TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST.

1. Which form of communication do you use to access information about our school?

☐ Facebook  ☐ Weekly Newsletter  ☐ Website

If all, which is your most preferred? Why?

2. Which of the above forms of communication do you find the most useful and why?

☐ Facebook  ☐ Weekly Newsletter  ☐ Website

3. How often do you access the School Website?

☐ Daily  ☐ Weekly  ☐ Never

4. What do you use the website to keep track of?

☐ Newsletter  ☐ Term dates  ☐ Special events

☐ Photos  ☐ Policies  ☐ Forms and notes  ☐ Other

5. Do you have any suggestions on how to improve our website?