Dear Parents

Congratulations and Thank you to the families of the children that will be celebrating their First Eucharist on the weekend for attending our Shared Meal and Workshop last Wednesday in the School Hall. It was fantastic to see some 140 (approximately) adults and children sitting down and sharing a meal together. There was plenty of food to go around. The children with their families then went and had a practice in the church and completed a workshop in the TRI Centre or vice versa. We were all on our way home by about 8.00 pm. which was a credit to all involved. Thanks go to our Religious Education Co-ordinator Mrs Olive Chodowski, our three Year 3/4 teachers: Mrs Lisa Vella, Ms Nancy Scuderi and Ms Nikki Fiesley and Mr Richard Hallett our Parish Pastoral Associate for their preparation of the children and their organisation of Wednesday night. Special Thanks go to Andrea Agius for the many hours she spent putting together the banner containing the family patches of each child. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate their First Eucharist at parish masses over this weekend.

Saturday 14th September - Jade Azzopardi, Peter Azzopardi, Philip Caruana, Luke Cooper, James Curran, Hannah DeSimone, Olivia DeSimone, Jack Dowling, Ella Longaretti-Schreppel, Michelle Nassim, Justin Nguyen, Tam Nguyen, Joaquin Orias, Zachary Perry, Tahilia Septic, Ethan Thornycroft, Amelie Warby and Nicholas Yeager.


SPECIAL PERFORMANCE:

There has been a change in the School Assembly for next week. It will be Year 5/6L’s Assembly rather than Year 3/4S as previously advertised. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but we wanted to give the children who represented our school at the recent Festival of Performing Arts (FOPA) an opportunity to perform for the entire school as well as for parents who weren’t able to see them at the Festival. Year 3/4S will have their Assembly on Monday 11th November.

INSIGHT SRC SURVEYS:

Thank you to the many parents who have completed the Insight SRC Survey either online or paper copy. Can I remind those parents who did receive a survey that they need to be completed by Friday 20th September.

PARENT COMMUNICATION SURVEY:

We are currently collating the responses from the recent Parent Communication Survey all parents were invited to complete. We have received 52 responses returned to school, so we sincerely thank those families for their comments. We will give some feedback on the responses early next term. Thank you again to all those parents that contributed.

IMPORTANT:

All School Fee Accounts were due and payable by 5th September except for those families that are paying by Direct Debit or have made some other individual arrangements with me. I would greatly appreciate it if all accounts could be settled in full by the end of next week. Hopefully there will only be a small number of families that I will need to contact next term who have outstanding accounts and haven’t contacted us to make some manageable arrangements.

END OF TERM THREE:

Term Three Ends next Friday 20th September, SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.30 pm. Please ensure that all children are collected on time. To make an arrangement for your child/ren to attend Out of School Hours Care (OSHc) please contact Camp Australia on: 1300 105 343. Thank you for your co-operation.

David Kelly.
Principal.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following children who received Principals Awards on Monday: Lily Sattout, Caitlyn Green, Liam Deny, Kilan Yeager, Madeline Mickowski, Joaquin Orias, Sienna Cutajar, Maria Nguyen, Bethany Cutajar, Jazmine Cassar and Tiana Zanatta.

PLANNING FOR 2014:

If last week you didn’t complete the Planning form. Could you please do so this week you will find it under NEWS: Notes & Forms on the School Website. Parents of children in Year 6 don’t need to complete the form.
SEPTEMBER
16th Assembly 5/6L – 2.30 pm
Optional Parent Teacher Contact Afternoon
20th End of Term Three – Finish 2.30 pm

OCTOBER
7th Assembly School Captains – 2.30 pm
8th Responsible Pet Ownership – Prep Incursion
Scienceworks Excursion – Year 1/2
9th Maths Parent Information Night - Rob Vingerhoets
at St. Marys 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
14th Prayer Assembly – 1/2H, 1/2K & 1/2M – 2.40 pm
RACV Road Safety Incursion - Prep
16th Victoria Walks/Ride to School Day
18th Annual School Disco
21st Assembly 3/4T – 2.30 pm
22nd School Education Board Meeting – 7.30 pm
23rd Year 4 Camp
24th Year 4 Camp
25th Year 4 Camp
Day for Daniel
28th Assembly 3/4F – 2.30 pm
29th Fire Brigade Incursion - Prep

NOVEMBER
4th School Closure Day
5th Melbourne Cup Day – No School
8th School Sports Day
11th Assembly 3/4S – 2.30 pm
Start Swimming Program – Prep, Year 1 & 2
18th Assembly School Captains & Guitar
Group – 2.30 pm
21st Walk/Ride to School Day
22nd Year 5 Big Day Out
25th Prayer Assembly 5/6C – 2.40 pm
27th Last Swimming Program – Prep, Year 1 & 2
30th Annual Parents & Friends Bunnings BBQ

DECEMBER
2nd Assembly Prep S & Prep H – 2.30 pm
4th Art Spectacular
9th Assembly 5/6G – 2.30 pm
10th Walk/Ride to School Day
15th Staff Assembly
18th End of Year Mass

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

RED TEAM

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 16th September
Tuesday Pauline Luppino
Wednesday Karoline Fanjek
Friday Cathy Hills
Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Prep 2014 Uniforms are now ready for collection.
Do you have a broken zipper on your bag? Does the zip not close? The supplier will be attending the school on Wednesday 18th September with a nifty little tool and will fix the bag for you (for free of course).

Summer Uniform Time Is Fast Approaching! Does yours fit? Remember you will need a hat. Please place your summer uniform orders at the uniform shop as soon as possible to ensure you have it ready for Term Four. If you are not able to make it to the Uniform Shop on a Wednesday you can leave an order at the School Office. If you have any question or are not sure about something you may leave a message at the School Office and one of our VOLUNTEERS will call you.

Parents and Friends News

SCHOOL DISCO
The School Disco has been scheduled for Friday 18th October; please mark this date in your diaries. Times are Junior – 5.30 pm – 6.45 pm, Senior 7.15 pm – 9.00 pm. More information will be available early next week.

BUNNINGS BBQ
Our Annual Bunnings BBQ will be held on the 30th November. Save the date and make a trip down to Altona Bunnings and grab a sausage, with all proceeds going to our school and kids. We will be looking for helpers closer to the day.

DOING IT RIGHT
Congratulations to the following children who were “Doing it Right” at St Mary’s last week. They were seen handing money that they had found into the school office, using great manners, taking pride in the environment, helping others and loads of other great things! Well done..
Prep H: Ava C
Prep S: Julie W, Ava D
1/2M: Mackenzie, Livinia
1/2H: Betty

Thanks to everyone who participated in our WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY & FAMILY SKIP ALONG today. Our Most Active Grade will be awarded their trophy at Monday’s assembly.

Our next Walk / Ride to School Day will be on Wednesday 16th October which is VICTORIA WALKS TO SCHOOL DAY.

On this day we will run our WALKING SCHOOL BUSES. In the past these have been a great success. Come along and join in the fun. See the attached note with further details.

SEASONS - GRIEF AND LOSS PROGRAM
Notes were sent home this week regarding our Seasons: Grief and Loss Program. Please remember to return them to school by Thursday 19th September if you are interested in your child/ren being involved. There is a copy of the note on the website in NEWS: Notes & Forms.

Margaret Masseni
Physical Education Coordinator.

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SPRING HOLIDAY ARTS CLUB!!!!

Locations: Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre and Seabrook Community Centre

Dates: Tuesday 24th September - Wednesday 2nd October

Times: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm or All day!

Activities include: Mythical Creatures in Clay, Fashion Illustration, Fabric Babushka Dolls/Soldiers, Fun with Cartoon

Suitable for children aged between 5 and 12 years of age.

Sessions are run by Helen Pollard, Professional Artist

Participants can book a single 2 hour session or for the whole day.

For further information please call Helen on 0415 039 791 or e-mail mini.picassos.artprogram@gmail.com

ALTONA LIFE SAVING CLUB SIGN UP DAY 2013 / 2014 SEASON

The Altona Life Saving club (ALSC) is holding their annual SIGN UP DAY:

When: 13th October 2013
11.30 am -1.30 pm

Where: The Altona Life Saving Club
127 The Esplanade Altona.

The ALSC is a volunteer run organisation that offers the community a Patrolled beach every weekend from November to April. ALSC also provides a chance for all members to be involved in the Nipper/Cadet programme, Surf Boat training and a variety of courses including the Bronze medallion. By becoming a member you not only have the chance to be involved in the many activities that the club offers but also become involved in a club that endeavours to bring its members and families together in a healthy happy environment.

Details on how to join can be found on the AltonaLSC Website, www.altonalsc.com.au

For any further information please contact the Club via email admin@altonalsc.com.au

Hope to see you there!

ALTONA FARMERS MARKET ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Altona Primary School Farmers Market is celebrating its one year anniversary and we would like to share this celebration with everyone. Please come along on Saturday 21st September, 2013 and support the market. There will be lots of entertainment and free face painting and tattooing for the kids held at the Altona Primary School Stall between 9.30 am – 11.30 am. Come along and shop at the wonderful stalls, there will be delicious fruit, vegetables, jams and Relishes, olive oil, Lamb and dry aged beef and lots more. All stallholders to offer an "anniversary special" on the day. $25.00 market raffle on the day to be used at this or future market days.

ENTERTAINMENT: 9.30 am – 10.30 am Isaac, Monty and Jordan Guitar
10.30 am – 11.00 am OUR VERY OWN ANGELIQUE MULLINS – singing Acapella
1.00 am -12.00 am Open Stage

JOSEPH'S CORNER - BOOK SALE
MARK THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES
Date: Sunday 20th October, 2013
Where: Queen Of Peace Hall
62 Everingham Road, Altona Meadows
Time: 9.00 am - 4.00 pm
ALL BOOKS $1.00 EACH

CREATIVE MUSIC FOR SCHOOLS

Learn music here at school, come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, at St. Mary’s Primary School. Creative Music for schools conducts a music program here at school each week. Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument. Tuition costs from $15.40 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted from limited places in term Four. Interested parents should call Marika during office hours on 9818 2333. www.creativemusic.com.au

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS COLLEGE OPEN DAY ON SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER.

All parents are invited to our Open Day on Sunday 13th October from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. During the day you will have the opportunity to see our school in action, speak with staff and students and learn about how our College specializes in girls’ education. If you are unable to attend at this time please contact the school to make arrangements for an alternative tour time.

There are currently limited vacancies at some year levels. Applications for Year 7, 2014 have closed but a waiting list is available. Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the school on 8398 2000 or emailing the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE OPEN DAY ON SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2013

A reminder that the Emmanuel College Open Day will be conducted on Sunday 15th September. St Paul’s Campus from 10.30 am-1.30 pm and Notre Dame Campus from 11.00 am-2.00 pm. The program of events will include Meet the Principal, guided tours, updates on the building program, interactive activities to engage and entertain young visitors, performances, subject information and displays. For more information contact us on www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au or call 8325 5100.

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5-10 year old Girls & Boys

When: Friday afternoon, – 4.15 pm to 5.00 pm
Where: Altona Sports Centre, Queen St, Altona Meadows Melways 208 K1
Duration: Eight Weekly sessions of 45 minutes
Cost: $50.00 per participant.
Includes: Coaching, plus a Basketball for each participation
Commences: Friday 20th SEPTEMBER 2013

Forms available on the School Website: NEWS: Notes & Forms
HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL
The Spring into Life campaign is being run throughout September to encourage residents and families to increase their physical activity, eat healthily and get involved in quick and easy walks in Hobsons Bay. The campaign features daily posts on the Council’s Facebook and Twitter pages with healthy recipes that kids can help out with, apps and local walking activities to do with the kids during the school holidays aiming to show people that being physically active does not need to cost money or take up a lot of time with so many quick and easy walks right here in Hobsons Bay. Along with health and fitness information, the Council is also running an online competition with a $100 fruit and vegetable voucher up for grabs. Simply share a photo of your walk with us on Facebook during the month of September to enter. For those who don’t want to walk outside, there is also the opportunity to receive a free 7 day trial at BayFit Leisure Centre in Altona North or a heavily reduced joining fee (saving $100) by quoting “Spring into Life”. For more information visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

ALTONA LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE
Encouraging kids to be their best!
Registration Day: Saturday 28th September
George Nevitt Athletics Track, Sugar Gum Drive, Altona
Cost: $135.00 1st Child / $115.00 2nd Child / $95.00 thereafter
To register and for further information – Call 0439 366 199 / Email altona@lavic.com.au / Website www.altonalac.com.au

Part of the Way...is OKAY!

Live too far away to use Active Transport?
Then you might love our idea for....

Victoria Walks to School Day
ON WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER
Here’s how it will work...We are encouraging St Mary’s families to Walk to School together.

Two Meeting points:
  o Esplanade & Cnr Sargood St (beach side of the road) AND
  o Cnr of Mc Intyre Drive & Civic Pde

Meeting Time: 8.05am
Walk Starting Time: 8.15am
We have organised parents to supervise the walk so you can drop your children at the meeting point and know that they will get to school safely.
Or
Join in the walk yourself. Parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, dogs and prams...everyone welcome! (Have a coffee with some other parents on your way back to get the car!)
Senior Constable Scott Sutton (Altona North Police) will be in attendance at one of the locations.
(We do ask that your children don’t ride bikes or scooters unless you are with them – this would be much harder for other parents to supervise)
Please complete the form below and return it to school a.s.a.p. so we will know how many children and adults are joining in. THERE IS ALSO A COPY OF THE FORM ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE – NEWS: Notes & Forms

VICTORIA WALKS TO SCHOOL DAY – WALKING SCHOOL BUS EVENT (Return to Mrs Masseni)
We will be there!!!!!
  o Esplanade & Cnr Sargood St (beach side of the road)
  o Cnr of Mc Intyre Drive & Civic Pde (North side of Civic Pde)

Family name: ________________________________   Contact Phone No.:______________________________
No of children: _______________________________    No. of Adults ______________________
o I CAN HELP TO SUPERVISE – NAME...............................................................

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