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Rowan Cucanic and Quan Nguyen

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Sunday 29th September at 9.00 am
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Saturday 5th October 6.30 pm
Florence Nourin and Lana Fenech
Sunday 6th October at 9.00 am
Wubit Tsegay and Brianna Mercuri

Olive Chodowski
Religious Education Coordinator

DATES TO NOTE

OCTOBER
7th Assembly School Captains – 2.30 pm
8th Responsible Pet Ownership – Prep Incursion
9th Scienceworks Excursion – Year 1/2
14th Prayer Assembly – 1/2H, 1/2K & 1/2M – 2.40 pm
16th RACV Road Safety Incursion - Prep
18th Victoria Walks/Ride to School Day
21st Annual School Disco
22nd School Education Board Meeting – 7.30 pm
23rd Year 4 Camp
24th Year 4 Camp
25th Year 4 Camp
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
18th Assembly School Captains & Guitar Group – 2.30 pm
21st Walk/Ride to School Day
25th Year 5 Big Day Out
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
16th Staff Assembly
17th Year 1 – 6 Orientation Day
Year 6 – Graduation Mass – 6.00 pm
18th End of Year Mass – 9.15 am

PREMIER READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to our Premiers
Reading Challenge Champs….WELL DONE!
1/2H Grace Moon
1/2K Luke Vella
1/2M Aiden Vella
3/4F Amelie Warby
5/6C Sascha Davidson

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:

BLUE TEAM

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 7th October

Wednesday Maria Charalambous
Thursday Leah Marion
Friday Taniz Mizzi

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

MATHS INFORMATION SESSION WITH ROB VINGERHOETS
Thank you to those parents who have already completed and returned the reply slip for the Maths Information Session to take place on Wednesday 9th October. If you would like to attend but have not yet completed the reply form they are available under NEWS, Notes & Forms on our school website.

DOING IT RIGHT: WEEK NINE, TERM THREE
Congratulations to the following children who were “Doing it Right” at St Mary’s last week. They were seen listening well and being ready to learn, inviting someone to join a group, following instructions, speaking nicely, making sure they had all their learning materials and being ready to learn, inviting someone to join a group, following instructions, speaking nicely, looking out for a prep who was hurt and lots of other great things.


MARKET FRESH SCHOOLS ‘FRUIT & VEG’ PROGRAM
Melbourne Market will visit on the 7th November bringing with them loads of delicious fruit and veg for the kids to try. We will need the help of 8 – 10 parents to wash, cut up & help serve the fruit from 10.30am. Please put the date in your diary. A ‘helpers’ reply note will be sent home next term.

Walk to School Day

Part of the Way...is OKAY!

Our next Walk / Ride to School Day will be on Wednesday 16th October. 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. Buses will start on the Esplanade & Cnr Sargood St (beach side of the road) AND at the corner of Mc Intyre Drive & Civic Pde.

Meeting Time: 8.05 am / Walk Starting Time: 8.15 am
A note was included in last week’s newsletter. It is available on the school website in NEWS: Notes & Forms. Please reply as soon as possible.
INTERSCHOOL SPORT TOPS
Thank you...a number of our missing tops have been returned! We are still missing Numbers 3 and 20

ATHLETICS TOPS used at the District Athletics on Tuesday 3rd September. Please return to Mrs Masseni after the holidays if you come across them.

Margaret Masseni
Physical Education & Sports Coordinator

SEABROOK CRICKET CLUB
Seabrook Cricket Club is looking for players!
Our successful and long running junior cricket program has teams in U/11, U/13, U/15 and U/17½ competitions. Males and Females are welcome. The club is located at Bruce Comben Reserve, Central Avenue, Altona Meadows.
Please contact Bill Sheahan on 0422 812 708 or 9398 1449 or Email: billy.s12@hotmail.com or visit: www.seabrookcc.org.au

GIRLS CRICKET OPPORTUNITY
WRJCA JUNIOR GIRLS CRICKET COMPETITION - Molly Strano Cup
An exciting new Girls only cricket competition being launched in season 2013/14
To register your interest and join a team follow the below link.
https://cricketvictoria.wufoo.eu/forms/wrjca-junior-girls-molly-strano-cup-registration/

Clubs seeking players
Altona Roosters cricket club	Caroline Springs cricket club
Sunshine Heights cricket club	Gellibrand cricket club
Werribee cricket club	Yarraville cricket club

Proposed Dates
Round 1—Wednesday 30th of October 2013
Round 2—Wednesday 13th of November 2013
Round 3—Wednesday 27th of November 2013
Round 4—Wednesday 4th of December 2013
Round 5—Wednesday 12th of February 2014
Round 6—Wednesday 26th of February 2014
Round 7—Wednesday 5th of March 2014,

LEGO EDUCATION
Shop 5/439 Waterfront City Docklands
Phone: 96021116
Term Three 2013 Holiday Program
The Workshops will be available from Monday 23rd September – Friday 4th October
Session length: approximately 45 minutes
For more information www.mooresed.com.au

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