Dear Parents
Thank you to all the parents and students that braved the weather last Monday afternoon and evening and on Tuesday afternoon to attend our Parent / Student / Teacher Interviews. Winter has certainly arrived. Hopefully it improves over the next couple of weeks.

IMPORTANT DATES:
TERM FOUR:
Thursday 9th and Friday 10th October is our Inaugural Staff Conference. This will involve all staff and will take place at an offsite venue. There will be No Staff present at school on these two days. Again depending on demand OSHC may be available. Camp Australia will distribute an Expression of Interest form a few weeks prior to these dates.

ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY:
Thank you to those parents that responded to our request to complete the Enhancing Catholic School Identity Surveys. It was not a 5, 10 or even 30 minute quick response so I do sincerely thank those parents that stuck with it to its conclusion. We will receive feedback and an interpretation of the findings from the staff, students (Year 5/6) and parents by Catholic Education Office, Melbourne personnel next term. Unfortunately we had less than 50% of the required parent respondents which may invalidate the data however our staff and school student respondents either exceeded or achieved the requested sample size.
I will keep you informed as more information becomes available.

SCHOOL WEBSITE:
Please take some time over the holidays to browse through our school website and see some of the amazing work and events that have taken place. Check out the ‘Year Levels’ and ‘Gallery’ tabs on the main page.

FOOTY TIPPING:
No one correctly selected all 9 winners in Round 14 so the jackpot for Round 15 is $15.00. Good Luck!

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing time over the next two weeks.

Term Three commences on Monday 14th July.

David Kelly
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR EARLY TERM THREE

JULY
Monday 14th First Day Back at School
Friday 18th Walk / Ride To School
Wednesday 23rd Family Workshop for First Eucharist
Friday 25th Grandparents Day

LIBRARY NEWS / ADDITIONAL OPEN HOURS
During Term Three the Library will now also be open during lunchtime on Fridays. Come in and read a book, learn to play Chess, Checkers or Uno. Help complete our jigsaw of Australia. Enjoy your Library, learn something new meet new people and have fun.

Julie Brazatis
Librarian

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER
Saturday 28 June 6.30 pm
Alanna B, Jade A, Madison A and Grace B

Sunday 29 June 9.00 am
Alessia A, Brianna M and Megan W

Saturday 5 July 6.30 pm
Maria N and Grace B

Sunday 6 July 9.00 am
Rowan C and Faith K

Saturday 12 July 6.30 pm
Justin N, Joaquin M and Grace B

Sunday 13 July 9.00 am
Alessia A, Brianna M and Megan W
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:

YELLOW TEAM

TUCKSHOP HELPERS -  Week beginning 14 July

Friday  Elaine Stewart
Manager:  Eva Coppola  Tel: 9315 0799

GREAT NEWS….. Our library is now open on Friday at lunchtime as well as Monday and Wednesday…so …come along and enjoy a book or game or two.

Gwenda Burnett
Literacy Leader.

GREEN TEAM HOUSE EVENT

We had a wonderful GREEN TEAM SKIPPING event last week. There were LOTS and LOTS of children and some teachers who joined in. A Great Effort everyone!

The scores were:
4th Place – Green Team – 10,600
3rd Place – Blue Team – 11,355
2nd Place – Red Team – 11,410
1st Place – Yellow Team – 14,150

Well done to all the teams and the Year 5/6 students who helped run the event.
Noah and Ally Green Team Captains.

A SPECIAL WELL DONE to Noah and Ally who did such a great job in organizing the event!

Parents and Friends News

THE COCKTAIL PARTY

Hopefully most of you will have already received your invitations for The Cocktail Party, or will receive them shortly in the mail. If you haven’t received an invitation please either pick one up at the School Office or during the holidays email Madeline on madeline@madelinewishart.com.au.

We’d like to thank Liam and Ava’s mum, Emma Denys from Evolve Graphic Design for designing our stunning invitations. Also, thank you to OfficeWorks Yarraville for donating the cost of printing and cutting our gorgeous invites.

Take advantage of our early bird offer and purchase your tickets by the 18th of July (this date has been extended) to receive a discount of $5.00 off one ticket ($35.00) or a fantastic $15.00 savings off two tickets ($65.00). From the 19th July until the 25th of July tickets will be $40.00 per ticket.

Tickets must be purchased before the 25th of July, for catering purposes, unfortunately tickets CAN NOT be refunded. Tickets will NOT be available on the night.

Payments can be made over the school holidays via direct deposit (BSB: 633 108; Account No: 1340 95405) using your surname as the reference. Please return the RSVP slip when school returns.

This week we would like to thank all of the following Sponsors for their generous contributions to our Silent Auction: The Plditch Family, Katy’s Scents, Mars, Dhollandia Australia, Enchanted Adventure Garden Arthurs Seat, Strawberry Blonde, Victoria Racing Club, Galactic Circus Southbank and IGA Altona.

In the heart of this cold winter week, let us give thanks for the many quiet blessings of this season.

**The Blessing of Winter**

We give thanks for the blessing of winter:
Season to cherish the heart.
To make warmth and quiet for the heart.
To make soups and broths for the heart.
To cook for the heart and read for the heart.
To curl up softly and nestle with the heart.
To sleep deeply and gently at one with the heart.
To dream with the heart.
A long, long time of peace with the heart.
We give thanks for the blessing of winter:
Season to cherish the heart. Amen

Michael Leunig

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.

Olive Chodowski - Religious Education Leader

“O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I Place My Trust in Thee.”

EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST EUCHARIST

An early reminder that our Family Workshop for First Eucharist children will be held on Wednesday 23rd July at 7.00 pm in either the Hall or Church Narthex. Note to follow. Also start thinking about some creative ideas for your family patch ‘Patch’ that all families will receive early next term.

Today we celebrate the feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. It honours the heart of Jesus as the source and centre of God’s love. It is a moveable feast day which means it depends on the date of Easter Sunday. It is celebrated 19 days after Pentecost Sunday.

This year, instead of collecting food donations as we have for many years, we will see the Year 5/6 students lead the way as part of their Social Justice focus in Term 3. They will be taking action to support the important work of the St Vincent de Paul society within our community. Stay tuned for further information from our school leaders next term.

In the heart of this cold winter week, let us give thanks for the many quiet blessings of this season.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I Place My Trust in Thee.
This week we have placed some new Michael Grose articles on our website in WELLBEING: Resources for Parents.

Read more about --- The importance of effective praise, Helping kids leapfrog difficulties and Helping kids who struggle at school. Some great advice and helpful tips!!!

**INTER SCHOOL SPORT**

Last week we played in our Tee Ball final against Williamstown Primary School. We lost the game 25 – 17 but our players had a great time and represented St. Mary’s in a very sportsmanlike manner. Thanks to all of our players, their coach Mr Kelly and also Mrs Singleton.

**WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY**

Thanks to everyone who braved the cold wind to come to school in an active way on Monday this week. It was a freezing cold day but we still had 40% of our students and families ride, scoot or walk to school.

Congratulations to 5/6V who were named the MOST ACTIVE GRADE for JUNE.

Our next Walk / Ride to School Day will be held in Week 1 Term 3 – **FRIDAY 18th JULY**.

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**Nuts about Nuts**

Nuts are high in protein, dietary fibre, minerals, vitamins and oils. They are also very filling. Most of the oils in nuts are monounsaturated (“good fats”). All foods that contain fats and oils, including nuts, should be enjoyed in moderation.

**Did you know?**

- Almonds are a good source of calcium
- Walnuts and pecans are particularly high in beneficial “omega 3 fats”

**Tips To Get Nuttier!**

- When roasting nuts, there is no need to add oil, as they have enough fat of their own
- Roasting nuts (even with a drizzle of honey) makes a tasty snack
- Choose unsalted varieties such as natural almonds, walnuts, pecans and hazelnuts
- Try adding a handful of nuts to salad and stir-fries
- Include crushed nuts in dessert and cake recipes
- Sprinkle nuts across fruit, salad, ice cream, yoghurt or cereal
- Nut spreads (no added salt) are a tasty alternative to margarine or butter

* Nuts are a high allergy food for some children. Check your school’s policy regarding nuts. For more information on the Anaphylaxis Guidelines for Schools, go to www.allergy.org.au/papers/anaphylaxis.htm

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Margaret Masseni
Physical Education Coordinator.