Dear Parents

What a fantastic night we had last Saturday Night at the Parents and Friends Cocktail and Silent Auction Night at the Royal Yacht Club in Williamstown. It was great to see so many school parents and friends there enjoying themselves. We even had two mums whose children had left St. Mary’s to attend another primary school come along and join in the fun as well as two new families whose children will be joining our school next year in Prep. There is a more comprehensive report in the Parents and Friends section of this newsletter (so please read it). It is my great pleasure to inform you that there was approximately $10,100 raised for the school this night. A tremendous result!

A night like this doesn’t just happen so I would like to very sincerely THANK, Madeline Didenkowski, Cheri Steen and Sandra Deller who co-ordinated the whole night. I would also like to thank the 12 staff who came along to support the night. Other acknowledgements are included in the Parents and Friends section. WELL DONE!

ANAPHYLAXIS:
We have seventeen students in our school that are anaphylactic, which means they have serious allergic reactions. In our particular case our students are mainly allergic to nuts but some children are also allergic to eggs, white fish, kiwi fruit, bananas, avocado, shell fish and peas. If these students eat anything that has these foods or even traces of these foods in them, they could be put into a life threatening situation. We are asking for your co-operation particularly if one of these students is in your child’s class, that NO SHARING OF FOOD takes place. These students are well aware of what they can eat but if you reinforce with your own child that these children are not able to ‘eat’ everything that other children can and to please not share their food with them. If you are able to avoid sending these foods to school with your child, it would be appreciated.

On special occasion days e.g. birthdays, class teachers will have a ‘treat’ that these students eat.


FIRST EUCHARIST:
This special celebration will take place next Saturday 23rd August at 6.30 pm. and Sunday 24th August at 9.00 am. Please keep the children receiving this Sacrament and their families in your prayers.

FATHER’S DAY MASS:
Our special Parish and School Celebration Mass on Father’s Day is coming up on Sunday 7th September at the 9.00 am Mass. We have traditionally had one or two dads share their reflections / thoughts about being a dad. If you are interested in being involved could you please contact either myself or Olive Chodowski (R.E. Leader). It’s not as difficult as you might think and feedback from dads who have been involved previously have said that it was extremely rewarding.

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE:
There are only four weeks to go. Many children have already completed the challenge and won valuable points for their team. With next week being Literacy & Numeracy Week it’s a great opportunity to record the books you are reading and complete the challenge.

INSIGHT SRC SURVEY:
Thank you to those parents that received an Insight SRC Survey and have already completed it either online or returned it to the School Office in the supplied sealed envelope. For your responses to be included in the data that we will receive later in the year they need to be completed by next Friday 22nd August.

BOOK WEEK AND NUMERACY WEEK
Is being celebrated next week. Please read about all the things that are happening on the next page.

SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS:
Thank you to those families who have been able to pay their fees in full, have committed to a direct debit plan or have spoken to myself to arrange alternative arrangements. School fee statements will be sent home early next week as a reminder of any balance remaining on your account. All fees and charges are due for completion by Thursday 17th September unless you have an arrangement with the School Office. If you are having difficulty paying your fees please contact the School Office to arrange a meeting with me as soon as possible.

David Kelly.
Principal.
EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST EUCHARIST
* Reminder: Shared Family Meal & Practice
Next Wednesday 20th August, 6.00 pm.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Almighty ever-living God,
Who assumed the Immaculate Virgin
Mary, the Mother of Your Son,
Body and soul into heavenly glory,
Grant we pray, that always attentive
To the things that are above,
We may merit to be sharers of her glory
Amen

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

Olive Chodowski - REL

“God is all powerful and can do all things.”
St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. 1873

ALTAR SERVICE ROSTER
Saturday 16th August at 6.30 pm
Justin Nguyen, Joaquin Munoz and
Grace Bosnar.
Sunday 17th August at 9.00 am
Rowan Cucanic and Faith Kissassi.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

AUGUST
Monday 18th
Assembly 1/2H – 2.30 pm
Book Week, Numeracy and
Literacy Week Begins
“Wacky Wednesday”
Dress Up Day

Wednesday 20th
First Eucharist Practice and
Shared Family Meal 6.00 pm

Saturday 23rd
First Eucharist Celebrations –
6.30 pm

Sunday 24th
First Eucharist Celebrations –
9.00 am

Our next WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL
DAY is on “Wacky Monday” 18th
AUGUST.
BE WACKY (BUT SAFE) ON YOUR WAY
TO SCHOOL.
WHO WILL BE THE MOST ACTIVE
CLASS?
DON’T FORGET TO JOIN IN WITH THE SKIPPING ON
THE NETBALL COURT.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL

Monday 18th August – ALL DAY – NO UNIFORM

STUDENT’S & STAFF
DRESS UP – In a WACKY WAY on MONDAY
Students have heard the story Wacky Wednesday
by Dr. Suess and we will
all dress up in a WACKY WAY – clothes on back to
front / odd shoes and
socks / clothes that don’t
match / crazy hair.

Monday 18th August
2.30 – 3.00 pm

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - All
classes will present the
CLASS favourite book.
Principal awards will be
given for work in Literacy
and Maths.

ALL WEEK
SHARE A BOOK -
Students will join in with
another year level and
read together their
favourite books.

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th
August
Year 3 – 6 Students will
be involved in mixed year
level groups focusing on
Literacy and Maths.

Wednesday 20th & Tuesday
21st August
Year Prep – 2 Students
will be involved in mixed
year level groups focusing
on Literacy and Maths.

ALL WEEK
VOTE FOR YOUR
FAVOURITE BOOK -
Students will vote for the
favourite book from our
ON-LINE Survey.

SPECIAL SESSION -
Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st
August
Tuesday and Thursday at
8.20 am

IN OUR LIBRARY –
• Matching the staff
member to their
favourite book.
• Find which book
these words/quote come from

Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st
August

St. Mary’s Altona Newsletter
“Caring Catholic Community in Education”
**AT HOME**

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<td>D.E.A.R. –EVERY night you read fill in a Drop Everything And Read slip.....place it in your house team box (near the staffroom ) and get house points.</td>
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<td>COME TO NEED 2 READ at 8.20 am SPECIAL FAMILY SESSION at 5.30 – 6.00 pm</td>
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| ALL WEEK | ALL THE FAMILY COME to the LIBRARY  
1. Guess the Staff Member & Favourite Book  
2. Match the BOOK with the QUOTE. |

**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!

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:  

**BLUE TEAM**

**TUCKSHOP HELPERS -** Week beginning 18th August

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Manager: Eva Coppola  
Tel: 9315 0799

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN**

**WEDNESDAYS 8.30 – 9.00 AM AND 3.00 – 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.

Leah Byrne Co-ordinator

**CHOIR NEWS**

Congratulations to the following members of St. Mary’s Choir who performed at the Hobson’s Voice Concert last Sunday.

The students performed with great enthusiasm and energy! Thankyou to their parents who dropped them off at Williamstown hall at 9:30 am and for their generous support. These outstanding students who performed brilliantly were:

Alessia Abate, Sara Adani, Elizabeth Teshomi, Amelie Warby, Ava Robertson, Tegan Sortino, Mulunesh Teshomi, Porsha Guerrera, Mackenzie Pace, Jasmin Watson, Tanvi Arora, Jade Azzopardi, Millie Pilditch, Ally Smedley, Evelyn Nguyen, Ava Steinhardt, Isabella Pisani, Danielle Stewart and Chloe Smedley.

Could I please encourage all the students in the choir and their families to support our very important School/Parish liturgies:

First Eucharist Masses on Saturday 23rd August at 6:30pm and Sunday 24th August at 9:00 am as well as the Father’s Day Mass on Sunday 7th September at 9:00 am.

Looking forward to once again share the many blessings and joy that song brings to our Celebrations.

Morag Zun  
Music Specialist

**DOING IT RIGHT**

Many children have been seen Doing It Right around the school last term and during this week. They have been making good choices in the sandpit, helping on Grandparents day, making someone feel good and included, handing money they found into the office, taking risks, taking time to help a friend solve a problem, being ready to start work, focussing on writing, writing independently and loads of other great things.

**WEEK 4, TERM 3**

1/2K: Michael, Zaii, Gemma, James, Anna, Caitlyn, Erin, Bridie, Ethan.
3/4L: Mckayla.
3/4S: Liam.
5/6C: Leah, Kathleen, Laura, Angelo, Xander, Megan, Chante.
5/6V: Scarlett, Dakota, Olivia, Maxim, Noah, Ally.

**ATHLETICS TRIALS**

Thanks to the many parents who came along to help out with the athletics trials this week. We managed to get everything done on either Monday or in our PE classes. The Athletics team will be announced early next week.


Margaret Masseni (Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader)
FOOTY FUN DAY is on Friday 29th August. On this day ALL children, parents and staff join in the fun by wearing their favourite footy team colours – jumpers, scarves, hats and NO school uniform. There are LOTS of great COMPETITIONS for you to enter.

Prep & Year One – Colouring Competition.

Year 2 to Year 6 – can do one or ALL of the following competitions: Design/ Draw your Team Banner / Design / Draw your Team Jumper / Research your Favourite Player and complete his PROFILE.

Entry forms are in classrooms and near the House Team Boards next to the staffroom. There are GREAT prizes so get your entry in by Tuesday 19th August.

The Parents and Friends are organising a Subway Lunch on this day your child has received an Order Form today. It needs to be returned by next Friday 22nd August. There are no lunch orders on this day. Spare forms are available from the School Office Foyer.

Gwenda Burnett
Literacy Leader.

Parents and Friends News

Cocktail Party & Silent Auction

We’d like to thank everyone who came last Saturday Night to our Cocktail Party & “Mostly” Silent Auction at The Royal Yacht Club in Williamstown. It was a fantastic night with loads of laughs, many drinks consumed and dancing until the band stopped playing at 12.30am.

We are thrilled to report that the Parents and Friends raised approximately $10,100 from this event. The item that raised the greatest amount in our Loud Auction was our last minute surprise entry, which was the Richmond Football Guernsey signed by the Team Captain – it sold for $400.

This was followed by the Case of Moet at $350. The signed Bulldogs Guernsey and the 1/20’s Hearts Canvas tied for third place with both selling for $250. Our children’s spectacular class art pieces all sold for a minimum of $100 each.

The highest earning Silent Auction item was one of the BMW Suitcases which sold for $290, followed by The Golf Bag and round of Golf for four at Kooringal which went for $180. The lowest selling item was the Best Friends Pet Hamper which was an absolute bargain at $10 as it not only included pet products but a $50 Greencross Vet Voucher and a 5 night stay for a furry friend at Catnapping.

We’re pleased to report the entire lolly buffet was devoured on the night. The Coin Toss Game was also hugely popular with Matt De Bono winning the bottle of Wild Turkey and Kathleen Smith winning the bottle of Baileys.

Special thanks to all of those who helped to make this night such a success. Sandra Deller, Cheri Steen and Madeline Didenkowski would especially like to thank:

★ Anna Pittas, Diane Howell, Patrice Cassar, Dianne Lehrer and Wendy Pappas for helping to beautifully package all of our hampers.

★ Emma Denys and Patrice Cassar for their manual labour and driving skills in helping to transport all of the hampers and auction items to The Royal Yacht Club last Friday morning.

★ Nicole Umana, Andrea Herd, Emma Denys and Jessica Deller for excitedly setting up the venue from 3.30 pm on Saturday afternoon before rushing home to glam up and return to the venue by 7.00 pm.

★ Jessica De Bono for being the official photographer for the night. There are some gorgeous and very hysterical photos.

★ Liz Lalor for organising and transporting to school two very large easels to display our art items.

★ Anthony Molinia for his talented auctioneering skills in obtaining the highest possible bids for our loud auction items. Anthony also secured the signatures for the football and all three football guernsey auctioned on the night.

Thanks to all of our dedicated teachers and support staff who gave up their Saturday night to come along. Finally, to our Principal David Kelly who gave the welcome speech and drew the many tickets from a giant Martini glass for the Door Prizes and Raffle Board prizes.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our generous sponsors for their donations. We encourage you to patronise their businesses and personally thank them for their donations when you pop in. A full list of sponsors was printed in last week’s newsletter.

Watch this space, for details of next year’s Cocktail Party, after this one – you won’t want to miss it!

BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE

Bunnings Warehouse is having a Father’s Day Family Night

Date: Thursday 4th September
Time: 6.00 – 8.00 pm
Cost: FREE

Join us for a great night of fun!

- Make a gift for dad
- B.I.Y workshops
- Light refreshments

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book as one of our team in-store or visit www.bunnings.com.au

Attached to this Newsletter is a colouring competition. All you have to do is colour in the Father’s Day scene and deliver it to your local Bunnings Warehouse Store by 6.00 pm on Sunday 7th September.

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