Dear Parents

STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER REPORT INTERVIEWS:
Our Student – Parent – Teacher Interviews will take place over the next two weeks. Year 3/4L interviews will be held on Monday 16th June and Tuesday 17th June. All other classes will have their report interviews on Monday 23rd June and Tuesday 24th June. The Student, Parent and Teacher format facilitates dialogue between parent and child. It gives students a chance to showcase their work to their parents and to talk about their achievements and where they need to improve. Obviously the format for the sharing of this information will be different depending on the year level your child is in.

There are two articles attached to today’s newsletter that you may find helpful in preparation for the report interviews. I also highly recommend that you view a video by Michael Grose, psychologist, on factors to consider prior to reading your child’s report. http://youtube/YM2Lrm19_A0

It is essential that all parents and students attend an interview with their child’s class teacher and to be on time for their appointment as this will ensure that teachers and other parents are not held up. Teachers will endeavour to keep to their schedule.

You will receive a written report prior to attending the interview. These reports will be sent home on Friday 20th June.

Online Booking Process to make an appointment for classroom and specialist teachers: Parents need to go to the front page of our school website for a direct link to this or to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the simple instructions. The school EVENT CODE is 75QKR.

BOOKINGS CLOSE: Wednesday 18th June at 3.30pm.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – TONIGHT – THE CROODS:
Come and enjoy the fun of a Family Movie night in St. Mary’s TRI Centre TONIGHT, commencing at 7.00 pm. The kids will have a great time watching a movie upstairs with their friends while parents enjoy a drink and nibbles downstairs.
If you haven’t booked, you are welcome to come along tonight, simply see a member of Parents and Friends when you arrive. Costings are: $5 child, $10 adult or $20 for a family ticket.

BETTER BUDDY DAY:
Today students and staff took part in National Better Buddy Day by wearing a splash of purple, passing on the ‘buddy’ handshake and focusing on activities and discussions about the skills needed to be a good buddy. Please look at the wonderful displays outside the classrooms that have been put together by all classes showing their understanding and ideas on what it means to be a ‘better buddy.’ Thank you to our student wellbeing leaders, Leah and Kathleen and Mrs Margaret Masseni our Wellbeing Leader for the work in highlighting the importance of this day.

FOOTBALL TIPPING:
Congratulations to Madeleine Nelson who tipped all nine winners in Round 12 and wins $30. Please collect your money from the office. The pot for Round 13 is $5. Good Luck!

CATHOLIC IDENTITY SURVEY:
Again we request that as many parents as possible complete this online survey which will be a valuable tool in our forward planning and development. The survey site is: http://www.schoolidentity.net. To enter the website: Type - Ghj654. ‘Click ‘To The Surveys’ and then ‘New User’. Our Group Entry Code is – 3jB9J7. You will be given a User Code & Password. Then proceed to the survey. The surveys are only open until the 20th June. A detailed copy of the Instructions can be accessed from our website: “News”, “Notes & Forms”.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY:
Well done Ryan and Olivia….great running!!!! Ryan finished 6th and Olivia finished 19th. This means Ryan will go on and compete in THE State Championships at Bundoora.

HOBSONS VOICE 2014:
Our choir, with the support of Mrs Morag Zun our music specialist will sing at the Hobsons Voice on Sunday 10th August in the Williamstown Town Hall. The concert will be free to parents, family and friends. All students who are in our choir received a letter today with information about the event and seeking permission for them to take part. We hope that if your child is in the choir you will allow them to perform and therefore return the form by Monday 16th June. Details about the concert will be advertised as the event draws closer.

David Kelly.
Principal.
EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST EUCHARIST
A letter regarding date selections for First Eucharist 2014 was given out this week. Responses are due back by Friday June 20th. Remember we still require a volunteer/s to sew material patches together for our Eucharist banner.

Next Sunday 15th June is Trinity Sunday. In the feast of the Trinity, we celebrate the nearness of God, who is three persons – a loving Father and creator, a son and companion, Jesus the Christ, who emptied himself to become one with us, and a sustaining and inspiring Spirit of love and truth.

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Let us rejoice in Jesus the teacher. His words have opened up worlds of discovery and learning for all who listen.

Let us rejoice in the Spirit who helps us grow in faith as we search for truth our whole life long.

Let us rejoice in God the Father and Creator whose love for us was so great that he sent his only Son to us for our salvation and new life.

We pray that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with us always. Amen

Words of Wisdom!
A teacher asked her class to paint something of their own choosing. All the children got busy about their task. As the teacher walked around she noticed Michael was particularly focused. 'What are you painting?' 'I’m painting God, Miss.' 'Well, that must be difficult because no-one knows what God looks like.' To which Michael confidently replied, ‘But they will when I’m finished!!'

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

Olive Chodowski    REL

“May God’s grace enable you to see and do the right thing.”
Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1877).

PARENT LITERACY COURSES
Thank you to the parents who came along this week to either the THRASS COURSE which was focused on providing parents with extra skills to help their child with spelling or to the HELPING WITH READING COURSE which focused on developing an understanding of ‘how’ we learn to read and the strategies we need to improve children’s reading.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to talk more about ‘THRASS’ or ‘READING’ and I look forward to hearing about you using your new knowledge and the successes you have.
gburnett@smaltona.catholic.edu.au.

THERE’S A WHOLE WORLD OF DIFFERENCE IN THOSE EXTRA 10 MINUTES A DAY

IN ONE WEEK

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THERE IS CLOSE TO A 50% INCREASE IN WORD EXPOSURE.
In those EXTRA 10 MINUTES PER DAY over one year, leading to a SIGNIFICANTLY broader range of vocabulary and increased reading skills.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WHO TOOK PART IN

YOU are on your way to becoming a BETTER READER

PREP Students
Isabella A, Oscar, Angus, Jamison, Stella, Aidan, Lachlan, Sunniva, Keely, Andrew.

YEAR 1/2 Students
Eleanor, Daniel A, Brodie, Hannah, James H, Kiani, Claire, Samantha, Caitlin K, Noah L, Jesse.

YEAR 3/4 Students
Alessia, Liam D, Jack, Giles, Mark M, Layland, Millie.

YEAR 5/6 Students

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday: Assembly 5/6G
Kelly Sport Dance Performance 2pm
3/4L ONLY Report Night

Tuesday: Need 2 Read
3/4L ONLY Report Night

Wednesday: Creative Music Concert 4pm

Thursday: Need 2 Read

Friday: Class Mass 3/4M
Reports sent home

Monday 23rd: School Finishes at 1pm
School Report Afternoon/Night

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PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
MEET our LATEST CHAMPS
Congratulations …… see photos of ALL our Champs so far …..in the TRI Centre….come on everyone GET READING!

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Gwenda Burnett
Literacy Leader.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS -  Week beginning 16 June

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Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

UNIFORM SHOP
DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE. THE FINAL OPENING THIS TERM WILL BE WEDNESDAY 25TH JUNE.

INTER SCHOOL SPORT
Today we played soccer and mixed netball against Altona College. More information about scores next week. The finals are coming up next Friday….look out for information about which teams have made it through!

WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
Our next Walk / Ride to School Day is on Monday 23rd June

WILLIAMSTOWN FC v WERRIBEE.
Thanks to Jacob, Lachland, Caitlyn, Jordan, Lucas, Brodie, Christian and Jeremy who played a mini game of football at Burbank Oval last weekend at half time. What great fun they all had, as did myself and their parents! Thanks for making the effort to support the school and the WFC.

Mrs Margaret Masseni.  Wellbeing / PE Leader

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT ST. MARYS
Camp Australia  WE MAKE KIDS SMILE!
Phone: 1300 105 343 / (03) 9398 4065
www.campaustralia.com.au
1731 Malvern Road, Glen Iris, Victoria 3146

Thanks to everyone who wore a SPLASH of PURPLE today to show their support for National Buddy Day. Each class and the staff made a poster which expressed what “being a good buddy” means. They are displayed in classrooms and around the school. Please take some time to chat to your children about their class poster and ideas.
From around the community….BEING A GOOD BUDDY means…helping each other, playing with people who are feeling left out, sharing with others, supporting each other when things get hectic, having a laugh with someone.
What are your ideas?

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER
Saturday 6.30 pm
Maria N and Grace B
Sunday 9.00 am
Alessia A, Brianna M and Megan W

Parents and Friends News
COCKTAIL PARTY
Remember to book your babysitters for the St Mary’s Cocktail Party on Saturday 9th August from 7.30 – 11.30pm as it promises to be a highly entertaining evening.
This week we’d like to thank the following companies for their generous donations to our auction for the night: Barlow McEwan Tribe Real Estate Altona, Nestle, Hairhouse Warehouse Williamstown, Rebel Sport Point Cook, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Altona Bowling Club, Altona Veterinary Clinic, Greencross Williamstown, Provet Victoria, and Yarra Trail.

MSJ 2015
Limited places are available for 2015. Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au
MSJ Open Mornings - 9.30am – 10.30am (Thursday)
19th June, 31st July, 28th August, 11th September, 13th November 2014 MSJ Open Day 2014
Sunday 12th October, 11am – 2pm

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