Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term Three. I hope you had an enjoyable time over the last two weeks.

Our Parents & Friends Committee are doing a magnificent job in their organisation of the upcoming Cocktail Party. They require your assistance by purchasing tickets. Perhaps organise a group of friends to come along and have a great time.

Remember all money raised from this night goes to supporting and enhancing your child’s education. The deadline for the purchase of discounted tickets has been extended to next Friday 25th July however all tickets will need to be purchased by 1st August. No tickets can be purchased on the night.

What happens at a St. Mary’s Cocktail Party?

There is scrumptious finger food, music and dancing. Drinks can be purchased at very reasonable prices including an extensive range of interestingly named cocktails. Make sure you bring your credit card and/or plenty of cash as there are over 70 Silent Auction items as well as two main Auction items. Those being: a Carlton Guernsey signed by Carlton great Alex Jesaulenko with a $50.00 framing voucher and a Bulldogs Guernsey signed by all senior list players also with a $50.00 framing voucher. Some of the Silent Auction items are: Case of Moet (6 bottles), Case of Yarnbomb McLaren Vale Shiraz (6 bottles), Dual screen DVD player, Canon Pixma MG6460 Inkjet Printer, BMW Suitcase (2) and an Arbonne Luxury Facial Pack. Some magnificent hampers for the fitness fanatics from Anytime Fitness, Rebel Sport, Metta Yoga, Seaside Fitness, Bayplay, Altona Kitesurfers, Sweeney’s and more. Hampers for the fun and family lovers from School Holiday Adventures (2), Puffing Billy, Luna Park, Galactic Circus, Phillip Island Nature Park, The Sun Theatre and The Royal Yacht Club to name but a few. An Elephant Canvas by Prep H children and one by Prep S children, a Kandinsky inspired Circles canvas by Year 1/2K children, a cute hearts canvas by Year 1/2H children, as well as one by Year 1/2D children. Framed hearts by each of the Year 3/4 classes and for parents of Year 5/6 children who attend the night an individual self portrait of their child; a Provet Pet Pamper Pack and much more. Plus other, fun games throughout the night.

It would be fantastic to see as many parents (and their friends) there as possible. It promises to be a tremendously enjoyable evening. I hope to see you there. Please read the attached flyer for more specific information.

UNIFORM SHOP:

The Uniform Shop will be open next Monday from 3.00 – 3.30 pm. The Opening Times for the Uniform Shop will vary over the next few weeks so please check the newsletter or check at the school office. Thank you for your understanding.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:

Tuesday 2nd September will be our next School Closure Day. Staff will work with Dr. Rose Marie Prosser on the topic of “Social Justice through Scripture”. Out of School Hours Care may operate on the day depending on the demand. More specific details will follow in next week’s newsletter.

David Kelly.
Principal.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST EUCHARIST

A reminder that our Family Workshop for First Eucharist children will be held next Wednesday 23rd July at 7.00 pm in either the Hall or Church Narthex. (Note to go home on Monday). We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Grandparent’s Day- Next Friday 25th July (Please see attached flyer at the end of this newsletter)

Welcome to our Christian community at St. Mary’s Altona

God of each human family:

Bless our school community at St. Mary’s, gathered in the name of Jesus.
Inspire our school community, gathered to praise your name.
Challenge our school community, gathered by the Word.
Encourage our school community to be good to each other, and to be movers and shakers in our neighbourhood.
Give a broad vision to our school community, gathered to serve the downtrodden of the world.
Amen.
SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Help us celebrate the 21st Anniversary of ‘Jeans for Genes’ by wearing your favourite jeans and by making a gold coin donation ($2 max per family) towards this worthy cause. World leading researchers have over the last 21 years worked towards finding cures and treatments for many childhood diseases. Your gold coin donation will go towards finding a cure for many types of cancer. But they can’t do it alone they need YOUR HELP!!! So on Friday 1st of August you will be allowed to wear your favourite jeans with your St. Mary’s School tops. More news will follow in the newsletter and again at next week’s assembly. Thank you

Laura and Scarlett
St Mary’s Social Justice Leaders.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
* A happy and successful start to Term 3 for all school families and staff.

Olive Chodowski - REL

“I can be changed by what happens to me. I refuse to be reduced by it.”
Maya Angelou

ALTAR SERVICE ROSTER
Saturday 19th July at 6.30 pm
Alannah Briffa, Jade Azzopardi, Madison Azzopardi and Grace Bosnar
Sunday 20th July at 9.00 am
Rowan Cucanic and Faith Kissassy

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

JULY
Monday 21st Assembly 5/6V – 2.30 pm
Wednesday 23rd First Eucharist Family Workshop – 7.00 – 9.00 pm
Friday 25th Grandparents Day – 9.15 am

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!

YEAR LEVEL NAME
Prep H Aidan and Andrew
1/2K Zed
3/4S Kyle
3/4L Joaquin

Well Done you have earned your house team a BIG 150 points!!

N2R is happening every Tuesday and Thursday from 8.20am in the Library…bring the whole family. EVERY Thursday you get DOUBLE stamps on your N2R Card….which helps you get a prize sooner.

THERE’S A WHOLE WORLD OF DIFFERENCE IN THOSE EXTRA 10 MINUTES READING A DAY 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. So GET READING!!!

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. To make the day even more fun we are looking for a past or present AFL player / s to come and be part of our day. (11.30 am – 1.20 pm) We are lucky enough to already have players from Williamstown coming. If you know of a footy player who is able to come please contact me asap….thanks Gwenda Burnett. & JSC Reps. gburnett@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

Gwenda Burnett
Literacy Leader.

CYBERSAFETY AT ST MARY’S
At school we have a number of processes in place to ensure the safety of our students while online. These include:
• A user agreement policy which clearly states the use of the internet as directed by the teacher.
• A Web filtering system where the Catholic Education Office, the school and keyword searches can block websites (unfortunately this is not fool proof as to over filter the internet would be to limit its educational capabilities).
• Cybersafety curriculum. Students are taught how to use the internet safely and are given strategies to use if they encounter inappropriate content on the web. They are encouraged to keep their username and passwords confidential for security reasons and ensure any communication via the internet (email) is appropriate.
• Extreme Weather Program My-class page – This has been set up for the students to access at these times where ‘teacher direction’ of tasks does not take place.

We want to ensure our students are able to access the Internet and all it has to offer in a safe and educational manner.

Ronnie Tucker
ICT Co-ordinator
vtucker@smaltona.catholic.edu.au
ST. MARY’S CHIOR
We had Musical Director, Doug Heywood come out to rehearse with the School Choir who will be performing at the Hobsons Bay Concert on Sunday 10 th August at the Williamstown Town Hall at 2.00 pm. Students will be given tickets next week for parents to attend.

Morag Zun
Music Specialist.

STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
Congratulations to RYAN S (5/6V) who represented St. Mary’s, ADSSA and the Western Region at the State Cross Country Championships at Bundooora Park yesterday. Ryan ran a great race coming in at 37 th place which put him in the top 40 in the state in the 11 year old age group.

DOING IT RIGHT
Many children have been seen Doing It Right around the school last term and during this week. They have been being helpful, offering to tidy the skipping ropes at recess, making good choices, helping with the Green house team event, sharing brilliant maths skills, organising a great ‘Green house’ team event and loads of other great things.

1/2H: David,
1/2D: Harrison,
3/4L: Tegan,
3/4S: Philip, Emma,
5/6C: Victoria, Emily,
5/6V: Dakota, Quan, Bella, Olivia L, Olivia Y, Riley, Maxim, Madison, Mia, Noah, Ally,
5/6G: Jelena, Wubit,

WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
Thanks to everyone who braved the cold to come to school in an active way today. Look in next week’s newsletter for our Most Active Grade.

Our next Walk / Ride to School Day will be held in Week 6 Term 3 – FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST.

EVEN THOUGH THE WEATHER IS COLD, WE STILL NEED TO DRINK LOTS OF WATER!!!
Please ensure that your children have their water bottles at school each day, and especially on the day of their Physical Education lesson.

WATER & HYDRATION
Even with the onset of cooler weather, it is still just as important to maintain adequate hydration throughout the day. Water is not only lost on hot days through sweating, but it is also lost through urine, perspiration and breathing during colder months.

The best thirst quencher of all is plain water - it prevents dehydration, does not cause dental caries, has no energy or kilojoules, contains no caffeine and costs nothing. If choosing bottled water, ensure that it does not contain additives or flavourings.

Many drinks, including soft drinks, cordials, wine, beer, tea, coffee and fruit juices, may be high in sugar, alcohol or caffeine. Drinks high in sugar promote dental caries, and children may fill up on sugary drinks while missing out on nourishing foods. Caffeine is inappropriate for children and may interfere with sleep patterns or increase the amount of water lost by the body, causing further dehydration. Alcohol is not recommended for children.

Keep a bottle of water nearby, or a chilled bottle in the fridge, to encourage water consumption. Adding a squeeze of natural lemon, orange or lime juice can also make it more appetising. Also try freezing ice block containers full of 100% fruit juice to flavour water.

Margaret Masseni – Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader

Parents and Friends News
STICKYBEAKS INSULATED LUNCH ORDER BAG
Thank you to all of you who purchased a Stickybeaks Insulated Lunch Order bag. We have had great reports from the kids who are enjoying receiving their lunch orders much warmer now that it’s been getting colder. If you missed out, you can still purchase one for $12.50 from the Uniform Shop. However, there are only 10 left so get in quick. We’ve raised approximately $200.00 for St Mary’s from this fundraiser.

THE COCKTAIL PARTY
Additional information for the Cocktail Party night is attached at the end the newsletter.

Old Collegians who graduated in 1974…1984…and 2004 are invited to a reunion on Friday 25 th July, to be held at Emmanuel College, St. Paul’s Campus at 7.00 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet with old friends and staff and to tour the St. Paul’s Campus. For further details contact Michael Pichner, Leader of Community relations on 0458 020 or email on mpichner@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au. RSVP Monday 21st July, 2014.
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St. Mary’s School Altona

GRANDPARENT’S DAY
FRIDAY 25TH JULY 2014
9.15 AM MASS
(at Mary Help Of Christians Church)

10.00 AM OPEN CLASSROOMS
(A chance for the children to show off their work and their school to their grandparents or special visitor.)

11.00 AM MORNING TEA
(For the Adults in the Hall)

St. Mary’s Altona Newsletter
“Caring Catholic Community in Education”
Everyone should have received their invitations to our St Mary's Cocktail Party. If you haven’t received an invitation please pick one up from the School Office.

Please don’t forget to return your RSVP slips as we need them for attendance records and catering purposes. Please include your full name (first and surname) of all of the people that will be attending.

_This is a party not to be missed._ We have loads of fun planned for the evening:

- **20 fabulous door prizes** to be won just for showing up, including:
  - $50.00 Mosaic voucher;
  - $50.00 Beach House voucher;
  - Bottle of wine;
  - 7 day voucher for unlimited yoga at Metta Yoga.

- **$5 Raffle Board** with 20 prizes to be won, such as:
  - Toshiba Camileo BW20 Camcorder valued at $149.00
  - $100.00 Wild Rice voucher;
  - First Class Voucher for the Titanic in Williamstown;
  - An Entertainment Book valued $65.00;
  - Gift vouchers for Pier 71, Mosaic and Crème.

- **An Auction**, with:
  - Bulldogs Football Guernsey signed by all of the players (also includes a $50.00 framing voucher);
  - Carlton Guernsey signed by Alex Jesaulenko (also includes a $50.00 framing voucher);
  - Football signed by Alex Jesaulenko;
  - Student’s art
An incredible Silent Auction with over $8000 worth of fabulous goodies, such as:

- Case of Moet
- Dual Screen Portable DVD Players
- Canon Pixma MG6460 Inkjet Printer
- 2 BMW Suitcases valued at $400 each
- Stunning hampers by Embrace Williamstown, Scentsy & Wildberry Flowers & Gifts in Altona.
- Date Night in Yarraville incorporating 2 tickets to The Sun Theatre and a $60 voucher to Café Terroni
- 2 School Holiday Adventures Packages including gift vouchers to Laverton Skate Centre, Puffing Billy, Luna Park, Galactic Circus, Flipout, AMF Highpoint, Adventure Park Geelong and The Enchanted Garden.

Love to Party live entertainment duo

- Bottles of alcohol to be won for a gold coin donation in the Coin Toss Game,
- Drinks at club prizes, including 5 speciality cocktails at $10 each
- Delicious gourmet finger food.
- EFTPOS and Credit Card facilities are available on the night.

We have extended our spectacular early bird offer until Friday 25th July, so you can invite your family and friends for the discounted price of $5.00 off one ticket ($35.00) or a fantastic $15.00 savings off two tickets ($65.00). Get in quick and take advantage of this offer because tickets are selling fast.

From the 26th July until the 1st of August all tickets will be $40 per ticket. **Tickets must be purchased before the 1st of August for catering purposes.**

There will be NO tickets sold after this date or on the night.

Payments can be made via cash or direct deposit (BSB: 633 108; Account No: 1340 95405) using your surname as the reference.

Please return the RSVP slip to school, as tickets will not be issued, names will be checked off a door list on the evening.

We’ve been busy over the holidays securing more wonderful donations for our Silent Auction, Raffle & Door Prizes for our Cocktail Party. We would like to thank all of the following Sponsors for their generous contributions to our Silent Auction: Altona Picture Framing; Altona Stationary; Beauty Spa Temple; Borg’s Cakes; Catnapping; Embrace, Enchanted Adventure Garden; Indera Day Spa; Interia; Katy’s Scents; Kmart; Laverton Skate Centre; Masters Home Improvement Williams Landing; Metta Yoga; Pathfinder; Pier 71; Poppi & Pippa; Rox Lashes; Runkle Dell Rouge; Sportspower; Stella Pizza; Supercheap Auto; The Face of Alessandra; Titanic Williamstown, Tyrell’s Pharmacy, Victoria Racing Club; Yarra Lounge and Yarra Trail. Special thanks to the Deller, Didenkowski, Long, Molinia, Pelns and Pilditch Families for their generous personal donations.

Thank you to Emma Denys from Evolve Graphic Design for designing our stunning posters that you will see displayed around the school.