Dear Parents
What a wonderful turn up we had again to celebrate Grandparents / Special Friends Day. It was fantastic to see so many children sitting with their grandparents in the Church to celebrate mass. Congratulations to our choir who sang so beautifully throughout the mass. After mass the grandparents were then rushed off to the classrooms with some having to very diplomatically retreat from one classroom so they could make it around to all the classrooms they had to get to. Then it was over to the hall for a cuppa with scones, cream and jam and once more entertainment from our school choir.
A day like this doesn’t just happen so thank you to all those who contributed in one way or another. A special Thank you to Olive Chodowski R.E. Leader, Morag Zun for the music and the organisation of the choir, Gwenda Burnett for organising the food and the morning tea and to all the staff for preparing the activities and welcoming the grandparents into their classrooms.
Thank you to our School Captains, Megan, Chante, Xander and Kyle as well as our House Captains: Isabella, Riley, Madeleine, Maxim, Ally, Noah, Grace and Olivia who all helped by welcoming our guests at the gates in the morning, setting up the morning tea, serving scones and cleaning up afterwards. Thank you also to our student photographers, Portia and Dlbanchi for their great shots capturing how happy everyone was on the day. They all did a FANTASTIC job.
A HUGE thankyou to Liz Whitehouse, Marylinda Abate, Wendy Pappas and Jenny Caruana who helped butter, jam and cream over 300 scones for the morning tea.

UNIFORM SHOP:
I am pleased to announce that Leah Byrne (Zai in Prep H) has agreed to take on the Uniform Shop Co-ordinator’s role effectively immediately. The Uniform Shop will continue to be open on Wednesdays 8.30 – 9.00 am. and 3.00 – 3.30 pm. until the end of July. These times will then be reviewed and the new open times will be published in the Newsletter. Thank you to Marylinda Abate and Lilla Sougerlis who have already offered to assist when they can. If you are interested in helping please contact Leah directly or the School Office.
On behalf of everyone at St. Mary’s I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Penny Ealem and Linda Wakfer for the time and effort they have willingly put into making our Uniform Shop run so efficiently since the beginning of 2012. It has been greatly appreciated. Thank you.

COCKTAIL NIGHT:
Can I again encourage you to purchase tickets for the upcoming Parents and Friends Cocktail Party. It promises to be a very enjoyable night. So organise some friends from the school or friends from outside the school to come along and have a great time. For more specific details check the Parents and Friends section of this newsletter and/or the last few newsletters. I hope to see you there.

David Kelly.
Principal.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:
Congratulations to the following children who received Principals Awards on Monday:

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SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY:
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter our School Closure Day this term is Tuesday 2nd September. Out of School Hours Care may operate on the day dependent upon numbers. Camp Australia, who manage our OSHC have stated they require a minimum of 18 children registered for the day for them to operate. The cost for the day is $51.20 per child from 7.00 am. – 6.00 pm. but normal government rebates will apply which could reduce the cost by up to 50%. Parents who wish to use this service will need to register and complete an Expression of Interest form online with Camp Australia by the 25th August at the latest: www.campaustralia.com.au or phone 1300 105 343.
EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST EUCHARIST
Thank you for a wonderful response to our Family Work shop on Wednesday.

Future reminders:
* August 8th: ALL patches completed and returned to class teachers.
* August 20th: 6.00 pm – Shared Meal in Hall.

Grandparent’s Day
A great tradition and a marvellous celebration. Thanks to everyone involved.

Our greatest treasure is at home: our family.
When heaven comes to earth:
* it will be because the smallest deeds have made an impact for good beyond our imagining.
* it will be because we know the most valuable source and search it out.
* it will be because we are ready to commit totally to God and God’s Way.

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 ($2.00 maximum per family) towards this worthy cause.

Your gold coin donation will go towards finding a cure for many types of cancer.

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.
* All those who died aboard Flight MH17, may they be at peace in God’s house.
* For their families and friends who mourn.

The repose of the soul of Cadel, Riley and Xander Ianna’s (Year 6) Grandfather. May he rest in peace.

Olive Chodowski REL

“Let us resign ourselves into God’s hands.”
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. 1898

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

JULY
Monday 28th
Assembly 5/6C – 2.30 pm

AUGUST
Friday 1st
Genes for Jeans Day Wear Your Jeans for a Gold Coin donation

PREMIER READING CHALLENGE – ONLY 6 WEEKS TO GO!!!!
OUR NEW CHAMPS ARE!!!!!
Congratulations …… see photos of ALL our Champs so far …….in the TRI Centre….come on everyone GET READING!

YEAR LEVEL NAME
1/2K James Hills
5/6G Grace Bosnar
5/6G Madeleine Nelson

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

N2R is happening every Tuesday and Thursday from 8.20 am in the Library…bring the whole family.

An EXTRA 10 MINUTES PER DAY over one year, leads 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. If you know of a footy player who is able to come please contact me asap. MORE information coming from your JSC reps…..thanks Gwenda Burnett and JSC Reps. gburnett@smaltona.catholic.edu.au

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:

GREEN TEAM

ALTAR SERVICE ROSTER
Saturday 26th July at 6.30 pm
Maria Nguyen and Grace Bosnar
Sunday 27th July at 9.00 am
Alessia Abate, Brianna Mercuri and Megan Whatman

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 28th July
Tuesday Alicia Galea
Wednesday Maria Charalambous
Friday Tania Mizi
Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799
Parents and Friends News

Cocktail Party & Silent Auction

With 100 tickets already sold, the Cocktail Party is shaping up to be a great night. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents from the school. With over 20 door prizes and 80 sponsors you're sure not to go home empty handed. Make a night of it and bring friends along to join in on the fun.

Our early bird offer ends tonight (Friday 25th July), so jump online and transfer the funds by midnight to take advantage of this offer to save $5.00 off one ticket ($35.00) or a fantastic $15.00 savings off two tickets ($65.00). From the 26th July until the 1st of August all tickets will be $40.00 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: 1340 95405) using your surname as the reference. Please return the RSVP slip to the School Office. Order forms can be left for collection at the School Office or sent to your child’s classroom.

Leah Byrne Co-ordinator

DOING IT RIGHT

Many children have been seen Doing It Right around the school last term and during this week. They have been presenting their work in an excellent manner, being organised and ready to work, offering to put away PE equipment at recess, seeing that the skipping ropes needed tidying and doing it without being asked, handing a purse into the office, being caring and compassionate, thinking about others and making paper planes for the Preps.

1/2K: Anna, James, Michael, Summer
3/4L: Peter
3/4S: Hannah
5/6C: Laura, Dominic, Ryan
5/6V: Scarlett, Mia, Chloe, Marcus, Dakota,
5/6G: Ben

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our JUNE Aussie’s of the Month...

Mia A (1/2D) for always trying her hardest in everything she attempts.
Benjamin C (3/4S) for his dedication and commitment to all areas of the curriculum. Ben goes above and beyond what is expected of him and he is widely respected by his peers.
Daniel M (5/6C) for being cooperative, for making good choices and for helping our school to be a safe and fun place to learn.

Check the school website NEWS: Aussie of the Month or the office foyer to see their beautiful faces!

THREE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENT LEARNING.....

NO WORRIES? – Helping Anxious Kids

Saturday Morning Sessions for Parents and Teachers. Come along to a two hour Saturday Morning Session and find out more about children and teens who are anxious. What can we do to help them? What skills can we teach them so that they know how to calm themselves? Explore stories, books, workbooks, cds, cards and other useful resources that enable anxiety and worries to be discussed and addressed.

With Don Grose, registered psychologist and Rosemary Allen, parent and teacher.

BOOK A SESSION NOW – SATURDAY 23rd or 30th AUGUST from 10.00 am – 12 noon.

PRICE: $20.00 Morning tea included
Phone 9813 2533

PEOPLEMAKING – Personal and Professional Development

375 Camberwell Rd, Camberwell Vic 3124
www.peoplemaking.com.au

NEW “PARENTING IDEAS” ARTICLE - Understanding Separation Anxiety

Although the average age range for developing an anxiety disorder is between six and 11 years, the typical age of onset varies between disorders. Parentingideas writer Lakshmi Singh looks at some of the more common disorders that may start at any time: separation anxiety. Check out the school website WELLBEING: Resources for Parents

ATHLETICS TRIALS – HELPERS NEEDED

On Monday 11th August we will run our trials to select the St. Mary’s District Athletics Team members.

Trials will be held at the Athletics Track – Sugar Gum Drive starting at 9.15 am and concluding by 1.15 pm.

Equipment will be set up from 8.15 am. If you are able to help at these trials it would be appreciated.

Please complete the form at the end of the Newsletter by Friday 1st August
UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENT BOYS!

Dr Ian Lillico

It gives parents and teachers strategies to help boys in their growth into adults and compares childhood adolescence.

Date: Monday 25th August, 2014

Time: 7.00 – 9.00pm

Place: CBC St. Kilda

11 Westbury Street, St. Kilda East

Cost: $15.00 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS

Includes Free Tea/Coffee from 6.30 pm

Secure your Place!

Email: rick@critical agendas.com.au

Include your NAME and No. Tickets required.

(No obligation).

Collect and pay for tickets on the night.

Enquiries: 0433 616 771

Margaret Masseni (Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader)

www.asthma.org.au

MSJ NEWS

MSJ 2015 - Limited places are available for 2015. Further information can be found at our website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the College Registrar at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au.

MSJ Open Mornings - 9.30 – 10.30am (Thursday)

31st July, 28th August, 11th September, 13th November 2014

MSJ Open Day 2014

Sunday 12th October, 11.00 am – 2.00 pm

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

info@campaustralia.com.au

Fax: (03) 8610 2044

For Out of School Hours Care at St. Marys (CAMP AUSTRALIA) bookings or cancellations please contact them direct.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS TRIALS – HELPERS - Return to Mrs Masseni by 1st August

I am able to help at the Athletics Trials on 11th August.

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o 9.15 am – 1.15 pm: SUPERIVISE EVENTS

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NAME: _________________________________________________________

CHILD’S NAME & GRADE__________________________________________

MOBILE PHONE NUMBER:_____________________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: __________________________

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ASTHMA FOUNDATION VICTORIA

Tips to help reduce asthma and hay fever symptoms during spring:

- Ensure Asthma Care/Action Plans are up to date.
- Ensure Asthma Emergency Kits are suitably equipped, accessible and medication is in date.
- Ensure staff are up to date with asthma training and aware of the policy for an Asthma Emergency.
- Be aware of which students have pollen as a trigger for asthmas or hay fever.
- Encourage students to be aware of their own symptoms and to seek assistance when needed.

Check the daily Pollen forecast at www.melbournepollen.com.au and consider planning activities indoors.

For more information on asthma and hay fever please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria or visit the website:

TOM GATES DOODLER COMPETITION

To celebrate the launch of the seventh Tom Gates book A TINY BIT LUCKY we invite you to enter the super amazing Tom Gates drawing competition! The competition runs until August.

The winner will be named Australia’s BEST DOODLER and receive a Tom Gates book pack and a YEAR SUPPLY OF CRAYOLA!! There will be another 10 book prizes to be awarded to runners up.

HOW TO ENTER:

1. Start with a plain A4 piece of paper and doodle whatever you like on it.

2. For inspiration you might draw some of the characters from Tom Gates or a similar style OR you might want to use your very own style of drawing. It can be colour or black and white, you decide.

3. Once complete send your entry to:

Tom Gates Doodler Competition

Scholastic Australia

Reply Paid 579

Gosford NSW 2250

(no stamp necessary)

The author Liz Pichon will choose the winner.

GOOD LUCK!!!

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