Dear Parents

What a fantastic day we had today celebrating St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop’s Feast Day with all the students and staff from St. Leo’s Altona North. We commenced with a mass in our church where we were joined by two of our local Josephite Sisters as well as parents from both schools. Children from both schools spent Recess time together and then did some activities together. The Prep, Year One and Two children made wonderful Mary MacKillop paper bag puppets. The Year Three and Four children created postcards about the Feast Day or Mary MacKillop in general. The Year Five & Six children completed a Trivia Quiz on Mary MacKillop’s life.

All students and staff then returned to the church where a representative from each class at both schools was given a statue of Mary MacKillop that they could take back to their classroom. The day concluded with a prayer and a song. Thank you to everyone who assisted in the smooth running of the day.

THANK YOU:
To those parents that received an Insight SRC Survey last Friday and have already completed it. You can complete it online until Friday 22nd August, the paper version needs to be returned to the school office sealed in the supplied envelope also by Friday 22nd August. Participation in this survey, while strongly encouraged, is completely voluntary. A more detailed explanation of the surveys and what is done with the information was included in last week’s newsletter which can be accessed from our school website: www.smaltona.catholic.edu.au Thank you in anticipation for your participation and assistance.

IMPORTANT:
The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) has been requested by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to provide student background data for the purpose of calculating the measure known as the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA), which is used for reporting school performance on the My School website. If you do not wish your details to be passed onto ACARA you need to notify the school office in writing or via email: principal@smaltona.catholic.edu.au Please read the Privacy Notice attached to this newsletter.

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No one correctly picked all 9 winners in Round 19 so the Jackpot this week is $25.00. With 4 rounds to go there are still 8 people within 4 points of the lead. Good Luck!

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The following children from our school are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Saturday 23rd August at 6.30 pm. and Sunday 24th August at 9.00 am. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

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EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST EUCHARIST
* Reminder: Shared Family Meal & Practice Wednesday 20th August, 6pm.

* Thank-you everybody on returning your very creative ‘patches’ (for our Eucharist Patchwork).
  Due TODAY Friday 8th August.
* Thank-you Ellie Corbo who will now begin her artistic magic and create a patchwork masterpiece.

ST. MARY OF THE CROSS FEAST DAY
Thank you to everyone who worked to make today’s Feast Day an outstanding success.
From our St. Leo visitors, Sisters of St Joseph, our Eucharist Celebration, special activities linked to the Mary MacKillop and our final thank-you and prayer session. Thanks to all staff for their assistance and enthusiasm. A special mention to our behind-the-scenes experts; Gwenda Burnett, Morag Zun, David Kelly and Nicole Singleton.

Mary MacKillop Prayer
Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
and joining with Saint Mary MacKillop
we ask that you grant our request:________
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by
the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with
courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, Amen.

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

Olive Chodowski REL
“Make no reserves with God. Reject no-one.
You never know what grace can do.”
St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop.1871

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D.E.A.R. – DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

NAME:___________________________________
YEAR LEVEL:____________________
DATE:________________________________
HOUSE TEAM:_________________

***Fill in this form every night you read, place it in your house team box and each time you do earn 20 points for your team.

‘GET WACKY’
On MONDAY 18th AUGUST it is time to ‘GET WACKY’
We are going to have a ‘Wacky Wednesday’ to get us in the mood. Perhaps you can read it at home too or watch the Youtube clip ‘Wacky Wednesday’, which is a great clip and very accurate to the book.

During WEEK 5 (Monday 11th Aug) and WEEK 6 (Monday 18th Aug), EVERY night you read at home fill in one of the D.E.A.R forms. It stands for ‘DROP EVERY THING AND READ’.
You write your name, year level, date and house team on the form.
Each time you fill in a form and place it in your HOUSE TEAM box….near the staff room….you receive 20 points for your team.
It is part of the fun things we are doing for Book, Literacy and Numeracy Week.
By joining in with ‘D.E.A.R.’ you get better at your reading and earn LOTS of house team points. REMEMBER an EXTRA 10 minutes a day can MAKE a HUGE difference.

*Students have been given copies of these forms and there are extra forms in classrooms, near the staffroom and on our website.

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There is a SPECIAL EVENING SESSION on Tuesday 19th August. 5.30 – 6.00pm which is part of our celebrate Book, Literacy & Numeracy Week. Come along and BRING the whole family.

PREMIER READING CHALLENGE – ONLY 5 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
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3/4M | Lauren W
5/6V | Angelique M
5/6V | Dakota K
5/6V | Dibanchi T
5/6V | Madison C
5/6V | Chloe S
5/6V | Khiem N
5/6V | Marcus S
5/6V | Mia M
5/6V | Nathan C
5/6V | Olivia Y
5/6V | Stella C

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

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.

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.

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:

YELLOW TEAM
GO YELLOW!!!!!

TUCKSHOP HELPERS -  Week beginning 11th August
Friday | Elaine Stewart
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

Parents and Friends News

Cocktail Party & Silent Auction

It’s finally here! The much anticipated St Mary’s Cocktail Party & Silent Auction is tomorrow night. We’re looking forward to having a drink and a boogie with staff, parents & friends of St Mary’s Altona, whilst raising money for our favourite school.

The door list is printed so for those of you who have purchased tickets we’ll see you at:

**TIME:** 7.30pm
**VENUE:** The Royal Yacht Club
120 Nelson Place Williamstown
**PARKING:** The large gates will be open until 8.30 pm and there is parking available in the car park. After 8.30 pm please press the intercom for entry.

Please note: there are no printed tickets for entry, names will be checked off a door list when you arrive. You’ll also be issued with a ticket in our door prize draw.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Well done and thank you to everyone who donated a gold coin to J4G day. It was greatly appreciated. We raised $357.15, all donations will go to: Children’s Medical Research Institute, for more information about J4G day search:

http://jeansforgenesau.wordpress.com/category/jeans-for-genes-posts/21-days-of-j4g/

Scarlett Davidson 5/6V and Laura Attana 5/6C
Social Justice Leaders

MSJ NEWS - MSJ MUSIC NIGHT

Mount St. Joseph Girls’ College will be holding its Annual Music Night next week. The growing musical talent of our students is an event not to be missed. Please join us!

Date: Wednesday 13th August, 2014
Venue: Mary Mackillop Centre (at MSJ), 133 Maidstone Street, Altona
Time: 7.00 pm

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) 28th August, 11th September, 13th November 2014

MSJ Open Day 2014
Sunday 12th October, 11.00 am – 2.00 pm

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Fax: (03) 8610 2044
For Out of School Hours Care at St. Marys
(CAMP AUSTRALIA) bookings or cancellations please contact them direct.

UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENT BOYS!
Dr Ian Lillico
It gives parents and teachers strategies to help boys in their growth into adults.
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

ILLUSTRATE LIKE A PRO
To celebrate Childrens Book Week, Hobsons Bay Libraries is offering an illustration workshop with popular illustrator Sue deGennaro, who is known for beautiful books such as The Pros and Cons of Being a Frog, Button Boy, The Princess and the Packet of Frozen Peas and more.
Students and their families are invited to attend this fabulous workshop.
The Friends of Altona Libraries, 2014 Illustration Competition will be launched at the event.
Wednesday 20th August, 4.30 – 5.30 pm, Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre.

TOUCH FOOTBALL
Touch Football is a relatively new sport in Victoria particularly in primary schools. Ideally good touch footballers come from netball, basketball or athletic background. If you are a female aged 12 or under and are interested in Touch Football, you are welcome to come to our trials on Sunday 10th August at Elwood Park from 12.30 – 2.30 pm. The tournament girls go away to is a part of School Sport Australia Touch Championships and this is the first time we have been able to get registration for Victoria 12s. The event this year will be held in Morwell Victoria from 19 – 24th October. For more information contact David Diack sport.operations@victouch.com.au / www.victouch.com.au Phone: 03 9206 6755 or Mobile 0431 420 142.