Dear Parents
What a wonderful time we have had this week celebrating ‘BOOK & NUMERACY WEEK’. It began with our “WACKY Dress Up Day” on Monday with Staff and students getting involved. Thank you to our Year 1/2H children who lead our School Assembly where each class presented their favourite book. Monday & Tuesday our Year 3 - 6 children were split into small multi-age groups between 9.15 and 11.00 am. and went to three different staff members to do some Literacy activities on one day and some Numeracy activities on the other. This was then repeated on Wednesday and Thursday with our Prep – Year 2 children. It was fantastic to wander around and see so many children having a great time, being so engaged in what they were doing and enjoying working with children of different age groups. You can view some of the results of these activities around the school.
A very sincere Thank you to our Organisers: Gwenda Burnett, Margaret Harmathy, Britt Densmore and Nancy Scuderi and to all staff who enthusiastically participated in all the week’s activities.
There have been many other things going on during the week, check with your children, school website and later in this newsletter.
A Great Week Had By All!

FIRST EUCHARIST SHARED MEAL AND WORKSHOP:
Thank you to all our school families and families from the Parish that attended our First Eucharist Shared Meal and Workshop on Wednesday evening. There was lots of delicious food and exciting conversations during the shared meal in the hall followed by enthusiastic participation in the workshops. Please keep the children that are receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist on either Saturday night at 6.30 pm. Mass or Sunday at 9.00 am. Mass and their families in your prayers.

HELP WANTED:
Helen McAvoy who has kindly offered to co-ordinate this year’s Father’s Day Stall has asked for some people to help price and wrap the Father’s Day gifts on Thursday 4th September from 1.30 pm in the school hall. “Many hands make light work”. If you can assist with this and/or assist on the Father’s Day Stall on Friday morning 5th September between 9.00 and 11.00 am. please respond by email to principal@smaltona.catholic.edu.au or drop a note into the School Office with your name and contact number stating which you can help at: Wrap Day, Stall or both.

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We are asking everyone to think about how they can Spring Into Happiness and how they can help others to do the same. What actions will you do to spread some HAPPINESS around amongst family, friends and the wider community?
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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 (one or two minutes is fine). 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.

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CONDOLENCES
Our condolences go to: The Moore family on the recent death of Mr Moore’s mother, Lachlan Prep S grandmother who passed away on the weekend. To Kathleen Smith and her family of the death of her mother in law on Wednesday. Please keep these families in your prayers.

David Kelly.
Principal.

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

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EDUCATION IN FAITH

FIRST EUCHARIST
Congratulation to all our First Eucharist students, who will celebrate this wonderful Sacrament on Saturday and Sunday. Please keep all these children in your prayers.

Gracious Lord,  
Bless the children coming to receive Holy Communion for the first time, May the day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.
Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.
Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
* All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
* For all First Communion students.

Olive Chodowski, REL
“Do what you can and leave the rest to God.”
St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop.1890

ALTAR SERVICE ROSTER
FIRST EUCHARIST
Saturday 23rd August at 6.30 pm
Justin Nguyen and Grace Bosnar
Sunday 24th August at 9.00 am
Alessia Abate and Brianna Mercuri

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

AUGUST
Monday 25th  Assembly 1/2D – 2.30 pm
Thursday 28th Footy Fun Day Clinic – Bring your runners
Friday 29th  Footy Fun Day

SEPTEMBER
Monday 1st  Wear our Hats and splash of YELLOW
Tuesday 2nd School Closure Day

FOOTY FUN DAY
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. Winners to the competitions will be announced at assembly. A gold coin donation goes to our sponsor child, Win Naing.

WHAT AN AMAZING week we have had….. I hope you read Mr Kelly’s report about things that took place…..here are just a few more.

NEED 2 READ
We had LOTS of EXTRA students & parents at Need 2 Read on Tuesday & Thursday morning and Millie (3/4S) and her mum, Michelle came on Tuesday evening to enjoy a book together…..It was great to see you there! N2R morning sessions are on until the end of Term 3.

D.E.A.R – DROP EVERYTHING AND READ.
The house team boxes are nearly FULL with slips from students who have been reading EVERY NIGHT over the past two weeks….. Watch out in next week’s newsletter to see how many points your house team has earned. MATCH the TEACHER and the BOOK Competition (details near House Team Boards) and the FIND the QUOTE from the BOOK Competition (in TRI Centre) both have been great fun….. You can still test yourself to see if you can work out the answers….get mum and dad to help you.
A HUGE THANK YOU TO STAFF, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS for your support in making BLN Week such a great learning experience and success.

PREMIER READING CHALLENGE
THREE WEEKS to go……..COME on EVERYONE and GET READING…..you can become a champ too. See photos of ALL our Champs so far …..in the TRI Centre.

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WHAT HAPPENS on the DAY:
BRING a gold coin donation for our sponsor child
Win Naing  8.20 – 9.00 am  FACE PAINTING – 50cents. –
On the netball court.
11.00 – 11.30 am – Handball competition organised by
JSC students
11.30 – 1.20 pm – FOOTY FUN DAY ASSEMBLY – where
we announce the winners of the competitions and hear
supporters sing their club song.
1.30pm. Footy Fun Day Lunch. – Complete order forms
and return to school
1.40 – 2. 20pm. Handball and Kicking competition
organised by JSC students

To get ready for FOOTY FUN DAY ALL students will be
involved in a FUN FOOTY CLINIC on THURSDAY 28th
August…..so bring your runners!

Gwenda Burnett
Deputy Principal & 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

TUCKSHOP HELPERS -  Week beginning 25th August

Tuesday    Alicia Galea
Wednesday  Maria Charalambous
     Friday  Tania Mizzi

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

We are again participating in Scouts Victoria “OUR
SCHOOL RAFFLE”. Every family in the school received
during the week an envelope which contained an
explanation of the raffle and a book of raffle tickets and a
return envelope. For every $2.00 ticket sold, $1.50 will
come back to our school. Money raised from this
fundraising activity will go towards the upgrading of our
school computers including the purchase of new surfaces.
All raffle books, plus ticket stubs must be returned to
school by Monday 1st September (even unsold books).
If you require more books please contact the School Office.
Thank you in anticipation of your support.

MSJ NEWS
Our next Open Morning will be held on THURSDAY 28th
AUGUST. For more information contact Sherri Collins
8398 2007 or registrar@msj.vic.edu.au

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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.

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@criticalagendas.com.au
Include your NAME and No. Tickets required.
(No obligation). Collect and pay for tickets on the night.
Enquiries:  0433 616 771

JOSEPH’S CORNER NEWS – MATTEL
TOY SALE!
Joseph’s Corner are hosting a Mattel Toy
Sale, Toys at warehouse prices

Date:  Saturday 11th October, 2014
Time:  Two Sessions either:
11.00 am – 12 noon or 12 noon – 1.00 pm
Venue:  Mattel, 70 Park West Drive, Derrimut
Entry Fee:  $10.00 per person (All entry fees will be going
to Joseph’s Corner)
For all bookings please contact Tania on 0439 165 660.
PLEASE NOTE: NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED IN THE
WAREHOUSE

ARE YOU OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE
THAT IS EXPECTING AND MAY BE
WILLING TO HELP?
"Looking for Mums to be! My name is
Gabrielle Papadopoulos and I am a first year
midwifery student looking for pregnant women that are less
than 35 weeks to interact and learn with through the
Continuity of Care program of Australian Catholic
University. If you are interested in helping a student
midwife, please contact Gabrielle Papadopoulos on
0434526913, or e-mail me on SO0163113@myacu.edu.au
for more information.
Thank you.