Dear Parents

There is a slight correction required to an announcement made in last week’s newsletter concerning our new Parish Priest. His name is Fr. Shabin Kaniampuram I. V. Dei. “Archbishop Denis Hart has appointed Fr. Shabin Kaniampuram I. V. Dei, until now assistant priest at St. Andrew’s Werribee, the new Administrator of St. Mary’s Altona, with effect on 1st October 2014. Fr. Shabin will continue to serve as part-time Chaplain at Australian Catholic University, East Melbourne. The Archbishop thanks Fr. Paul Tru, Parish Priest of St. Leo the Great, Altona North for his generous care for St. Mary’s Parish until the appointment of Fr. Shabin”.

SOCIAL JUSTICE FUNDRAISING WEEK:
As part of our Year 5/6 Social Justice unit in Religion, all of our students have organised activities to raise funds for St. Vincent de Paul Charity. These include the sale of food, hot and cold beverages, used toy sale, games with prizes to be won. Hot beverages will be sold before school while food items such as ice-cream cones, scones, chocolate coated marshmallows and strawberries, fruit skewers, fruit salad, fruit smoothies and toffee apples will be sold at recess, lunchtime and after school and fun games will take place at recess and lunch. Prices range from 0.50 cents to $5.00 so please come and support this worthy cause.

In addition to our fund raising activities we would also like to have a collection of items to donate to St. Vincent de Paul e.g. books, non-perishable food items, toiletries, clothing and toys. IT’S SPRING TIME – TIME FOR A CLEAN UP! Thank you to all who have already contributed. Please leave your donations at the school office for our Social Justice Leaders (Laura & Scarlett) to collect.

UNIFORM SHOP:
Although we have had an order in for some time, this week we were informed that there has been a problem with the material supply for our school summer dresses. We hope to receive the order mid Term Four. Winter uniform is acceptable if you are waiting on summer dresses. We apologise for any inconvenience.

IMPORTANT:
A reminder that our Inaugural Staff Conference is being held on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th October. This is the first Thursday and Friday of next term. There is NO SCHOOL on these days and because we are off site there will be no staff members at school.

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 each 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 this coming Thursday 18th September www.campaustralia.com.au or phone 1300 105 343. I will inform you in next week’s newsletter whether OSHC will be operating on these days.

PLANNING FOR 2015:
In last week’s newsletter you were asked to assist us in planning for 2015 by completing the Returning to School in 2015 Form and sending it to the school office. Thank you to the 67 families that have already done so but we have 170 families that we would like to hear from (not including families with their youngest presently in Year 6). Please fill in the form and return it to school before the end of term even if you are undecided at this stage. The form can be accessed from last week’s newsletter, from our website – ‘news’, ‘notes & forms’ or in the school office foyer. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL DISCO:
This year’s School Disco run by our Parents & Friends Association will take place next Friday 19th September in our school hall. The Prep – Year Two Disco will be from 5.30 – 7.00 pm. Year Three – Year Six will be from 7.15 – 9.00 pm. For details concerning tickets and how you can assist and be involved please read the Parents and Friends section later in this newsletter.

TERM THREE ENDS NEXT FRIDAY. CHILDREN DISMISSED AT 2.30 PM.

David Kelly.
Principal.
PRINCIPALS AWARDS:
Congratulations to the following children who received Principals Awards on Monday:

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ALTAR SERVICE ROSTER
Saturday 13th September at 6.30 pm
Grace Bosnar, Alannah Briffa and Jade Azzopardi
Sunday 14th September at 9.00 am
Rowan Cucanic and Faith Kissassi

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

SEPTEMBER
Monday 15th  Assembly 5/6G – 2.30 pm
Optional Parent Teacher Contact
Afternoon
Social Justice Fundraising Day 1
Tuesday 16th  Social Justice Fundraising Day 2
Wednesday 17th  Walk & Ride To School
Social Justice Fundraising Day 3
Friday 19th  SCHOOL DISCO.
5.30 – 7.00pm. Prep – Year 2
7.15 – 9.00 pm. Year 3 – 6.
Last Day Term Three – 2.30 pm Finish

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL our CHAMPS……
YOU have:
- Completed a HUGE challenge
- Become a better reader
- Had fun
- Earned your House Team points
- Been awarded a certificate from the Victorian Premier.

YOU SHOULD be feeling GREAT!!!!

RONALD DALH DAY - Saturday 13th September.
Enjoy one of his books!

NEED2READ

Thank you to EVERYONE who has come along before school to N2R…. some students have come EVERY week, EVERY Tuesday and Thursday …. WELL DONE!!!
A special thank you to Xander (Year 6), Aiden, Luke and Faith (Year 3/4) who all readily came along each week during Term 2 & 3 to organise N2R by stamping cards, giving prizes and encouraging everyone to READ. Next week is the last week for N2R it is NOT on in Term 4.

Each month members of our St. Mary’s Junior School Council attend a meeting at the Hobsons Bay Council along with other schools in our area to talk about what has been happening in our schools and raise issues or concerns with the council. Thank you to our JSC representatives Brianna Mercuri, Nathan Coldrey, Mikey Ross, Jacob Yacono and Nicholas Christodoulou who attended the September Hobsons Bay Junior School Council meeting. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school and will share what they heard with our school JSC group at our next meeting. A special thanks to Brianna who spoke on the schools behalf.

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:

RED TEAM

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 15th September

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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

LITERACY NEWS

PREMIER READING CHALLENGE
- Has FINISHED
OUR NEW CHAMPS ARE!!!!!
See photos of ALL our Champs in the TRI Centre.

YEAR LEVEL | NAME
Prep H | Keely W
Year 3/4M | Jasmin W, Mulunesh T
Year 5/6V | Scarlett D, Portia F

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

St. Mary’s Altona Newsletter
“Caring Catholic Community in Education”
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISCO
The Annual St. Mary’s School Disco will take place on Friday 19th September. So everybody get ready to BOOGIE!
VIP Access tickets will be distributed next week. Please ensure that your VIP Priority access pass is brought on the night. If you would like to help on the night please leave your details at the School Office or complete the form “NEWS” Notes & Forms.

DOING IT RIGHT - Weeks 7 - 8 Term 3
Many children have been seen Doing It Right around the school recently. They have been taking pride in the environment, sharing school values, staying on task, letting others join their games, cleaning up, getting along well with others and loads of other great things!
Prep S: Dominic,
Prep H: Angus, Jeremy, Lila, Isabella A, Eyob, Joshua, Ryan, Saxton
1/2H: Shannon, Wesley, David
1/2K: Zed, Michael, Gigi, Lucas, Lexie, Zaii, Raphael, Sam
1/2D: Noah, Sebastian
3/4M: Mackenzie
3/4L: Elizabeth
5/6V: Angelique, Dibanchi
5/6G: Wubit

ATHLETICS TEAM
Congratulations to the members of our Athletics Team who will compete at the Divisional Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 17th September. Good luck to Quan (discus), Olivia Y (800m, long jump, relay), Megan (hurdles, long jump, relay), Leah (relay), Brianna (relay), Grace (200m) and Ryan (1500m).
IF YOU HAVEN’T RETURNED YOUR ATHLETICS TOP, CAN YOU PLEASE DO SO ON MONDAY 15th SEPTEMBER.

KINDNESS CHALLENGE – 1st September to the end of Term 3
It’s the last week of the kindness challenge….have you noticed a difference around town?
What will you do this week to spread some kindness and happiness?

This term we have challenged you to spread some kindness and happiness.
Next term as part of a VIC HEALTH initiative we are challenging you to get out and about and be active.
As well as our regular Walk / Ride to School Day we are looking to collect data on how many children come to school in an active way and try to increase these numbers over the month of October.
The data collection process will be simple and all done at school.
Students will have a card that can be hole punched or stamped each day they come to school and / or go home in an active way. These cards will be available on the netball court each morning.
Parents and siblings are welcome to have their own card.
Part of the way is okay!
Students can be dropped a distance from school that you are happy with and can walk the rest of the way.
Students will get more information through their class teacher next week.

Our next Walk / Ride to School Day for this term will be held on Wednesday 17th September – come along in an active way – all or part of the way!

ADVANCED NOTICE – PARENT SEMINAR
PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY. IT WILL BE A GREAT NIGHT!
TOPIC: Mindfully Building Resilient Children
SPEAKER: Therese Sheedy (Psychologist)
WHERE: St. Mary’s Altona, Upstairs in the TRI Centre
DATE: Tuesday 21st October
MORE INFORMATION EARLY TERM 4 – ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS WELCOME.

Margaret Masseni
Wellbeing and PE / Sports Leader

EMMANUEL COLLEGE – OPEN DAY
Emmanuel College Open Day – 14 SEPTEMBER
St. Paul’s Campus 10.30 am – 1.30 pm
Notre Dame Campus 11.00 am – 2.00 pm
Open Day Tours
St. Paul’s Campus 10.45 am*, 11.15* am, 12.30 pm
Notre Dame Campus 11.15 am, 12.00* pm, 12.30 pm
*Meet the Principal prior to tour, updates on the building program, interactive activities to engage and entertain young visitors, performances, subject information and displays.
For more information contact us on www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au or call 8325 5100
St. Paul’s Campus 423 Blackshaws Road or Notre Dame Campus 2 - 40 Foxwood Drive
Altona North Point Cook
ALTONA BEACH MARKET
Altona Beach Market 10th Birthday Celebration
Date: Tuesday 23rd September
Time: 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Free Event Pier Street and Logan Reserve
Face painters, Giveaways, Slide, Paint Pot People, Cake, Jumping Castle, Roving Music, Trader and Stall holders
Specials
Altona Village Traders Association and Hobsons Bay City Council
Enquiries: 0409 822 076 / info@visitaltona.com.au / Facebook: /altonavillage.tradersassociation

ALTONA FARMERS MARKET- Saturday 20th September
3rd Saturday of every month from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
ALTONA'S GOT TALENT – Saturday 20th September
Hey Kids, show off your talent to friends and family at a concert for the Markets 2nd Birthday Celebration. The Concert will run from 10.00 am till 12 noon and be staged outdoors, so bring along a chair or a blanket to sit on. If you or someone you know would like to perform, please pick up a copy of the registration form from the School Office (St. Mary’s) and email it to warehouse@secon.com.au or call/text Anne 0435 130 355. This form must be completed/,emailed by Saturday 12th September.
Altona Primary School
109 Blyth Street, Altona

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.

JOSEPH'S CORNER TRIVIA NIGHT
Time: 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm Start – 11.00 pm
When: Saturday 11th October, 2014
Where: St. Augustine’s Hall, 61 Somerville Road, Yarraville
Cost: $10.00 per person
Bring your own drinks and nibbles looking forward to seeing you there!
For bookings please contact Debbie DeGenova on either 9.315 2860 or 0413 987 514.
All money raised goes to Joseph's Corner
Joseph's Corner is a non-profit support service to families living with alcohol and drug addiction.

JACQUELINE HARVEY AUTHOR VISIT
On Wednesday 24th September Jacqueline Harvey, author of the popular Alice-Miranda and Clementine Rose books will be visiting Enchanted Years (30 Ferguson St, Williamstown) as part of her national book tour. Jacqueline will be reading from and signing copies of all her books including the latest mystery "Alice-Miranda At Camp". This is a FREE event but bookings are essential. To book call Laura on 9397 1154 or email enchantedyears@gmail.com

HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Spring into Life 15 to 26 September
Spring has sprung and Hobsons Bay City Council is inviting all residents to Spring into Life. Spring into Life is an annual event organised by Hobsons Bay City Council to encourage local people to get out and about after the lull of winter. A jam-packed program of fun and interesting activities is being hosted by lots of our great community organisations.
The program has something to offer everyone from kids craft activities, budget gardening workshops to seniors dance classes. The majority of activities are free so it's a great way to discover what’s available in your local area and spring into something fun this September!
Activities will take place from 15 to 26 September at a range of venues across the whole municipality with many activities providing free childcare or are kid-friendly.
More information can be found on Council’s website www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Community/Health_Wellbeing or pick up one of the colourful brochures at libraries, community centres or Council's office at 115 Civic Parade, Altona.

FREE FAMILY DAY
Yes! That is correct everything is FREE
Face Painting, Ponies, Petting Zoo, Rides, Fairy Floss,
Guest Michael Payniter, Live band plus more.
Date: Saturday 20th September
Place: 107 Woods Street, Newport
Phone: Church 9391 8643
Phone: Transformation Centre 9391 6876
Nathan: 0421 139 748
www.c3churchnewport.org.au

PET MICROCHIPPING DAY
Hobsons Bay City Council is conducting a Pet Microchipping Day
Date: Sunday 21st September 2014
Time: 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
Place: Cherry Lake Reserve in conjunction with The Lost Dogs Home and the National Pet Register.
Cost: $25.00 discounted Microchipping per pet.

PADDLES SWIM SCHOOL – HOLIDAY PROGRAM
2 Hosken Street, Altona Meadows
www.paddleswimschool.com.au
Holiday Program
29 SEPTEMBER – 3 OCTOBER
Improve your swimming skills by joining our 5 day holiday program
5 X 30 minute lessons
Cost: $70.00
Certificate Awarded on Completion
Contact 03 9315 8680 for more information / inquiries@paddleswimschool.com.au