



St. Mary's School, Altona

Newsletter 2014

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Dear Parents

What an incredible few days we had earlier this week involving our fundraising activities organised by our entire group of Year 5/6 children and teachers. The range of activities and scrumptious delights had to be seen to be believed. They operated before school, at recess and lunchtime as well as after school on Tuesday. This effort was the culmination of the children's focus in the classrooms on social justice. With activities, preloved toys and books, yummy delights as well as cool and warm drinks ranging in price from 20 cents to \$3.00 the final figure raised which will be presented to the local **St. Vincent de Paul Society is \$1521.90.**

This is an outstanding amount and it is with a great sense of pride that I sincerely congratulate each and every one of our Year 5/6 children for this amazing result. I would also like to take this opportunity to Thank and Congratulate our three 5/6 teachers, Ms Jacqueline Gomez, Mrs Lisa Vella and Mrs Olive Chodowski for their co-ordination of this whole venture. I would also like to thank the parents of these children who so willingly assisted the children in the preparation of their stalls. And finally to the rest of our school community who supported this project so enthusiastically and generously.

In addition to the fantastic amount of money raised we have also collected almost a trailer load of books, non-perishable food items, toiletries, clothing and toys which will also be passed onto the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you again to those families that have contributed to this collection.

WELL DONE TO ALL INVOLVED!

OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. Shabin visited our school last Friday. I gave him a tour of our school and introduced him to the staff and each class of children. He was very impressed with what he saw and said he was excited and looking forward to moving into the Presbytery on the 1st October as our Parish Priest. We warmly welcome Fr. Shabin to St. Mary's and look forward to working closely with him.

The staff had a special morning tea last Tuesday and presented Fr. Paul with a gift to say thank you for his support and guidance during his time here at St. Mary's. The parish have organised a special thank you mass on Sunday 28th September at 9.00 am. followed by refreshments for Fr. Paul. All school families are invited to attend this Mass.

IMPORTANT:

Another reminder that our inaugural Staff Conference is being held on **Thursday 9th and Friday 10th October.** This is the first Thursday and Friday next term. There is **NO SCHOOL** on these days and because we are off site there will be no staff members at school on either day. Due to lack of numbers Out of School Hours Care is not available on these days.

SCHOOL DISCO:

The School Disco is on tonight in the school hall:

Prep – Year 2 from 5.30 – 7.00 pm.

Year 3 – Year 6 from 7.15 – 9.00 pm.

Thank you to Penny Ealem and her band of helpers for organising what I'm sure will be another fun filled, fantastic night. For those that missed out on purchasing their VIP access pass, tickets can be purchased at the door: \$5.00 per child or \$12.00 per family but for parents purchasing tickets at the door you will need to fill in an important Emergency Contact Number Form before the children can be admitted. For more details please check the Newsletter dated 29th August.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL:

There seems to be a greater number of children arriving at school prior to 8.30 am. which is creating an unacceptable situation in our school foyer. Teachers are rostered onto supervision duties from 8.30 am. There is **NO SUPERVISION** prior to this time. If children continue to arrive well before 8.30 am. we will have no alternative other than sending them to Before School Care which will involve a charge. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

PLANNING FOR 2015:

We have begun planning for 2015 and you have been asked to assist us by completing the Returning to School in 2015 Form and sending it to the school office. Thank you to the 89 families that have already done so but we are still waiting to hear from 70 families (not including families with their youngest child presently in Year 6). Please fill in the form and return it to school ASAP, even if you are undecided. The form can be accessed from the 5th September Newsletter, from our website – 'news', 'notes & forms' or in the school office foyer. Thank you for your co-operation.

David Kelly.
Principal.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

PREP H	Saxon Azzopardi
PREP S	Thomas Azzopardi
1/2H	Betty Tedla
1/2K	Samuel Dowling
1/2D	Dwight Fenech
3/4M	Jazmin Dowd
3/4S	James Curran
3/4L	Ava Robertson
5/6C	Megan Whatman
5/6V	Olivia Langham
5/6G	Danielle Stewart

EDUCATION IN FAITH

A story to support our Kindness Challenge endeavours:

This is an old story about a man walking down a beach covered with starfish that had been washed ashore overnight. He saw a young girl walking along, picking up starfish and throwing them back into the ocean. He stopped the little girl and said, "Young lady, why bother? There are millions of these starfish. You can't get them all back in the water. You can't possibly make a difference." She picked up a starfish, threw it back into the ocean, and told the man, "I made a difference to THAT one."

Lesson: *We can all make a difference to SOMEONE every day.*

Farewell Fr Paul Tru

This week Fr Paul visited our school and we said farewell on behalf of our school families for the service and devotion he has provided to our parish. May God continue to bless Fr Paul in his faithful ministry.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- * All members of our community who are sick or in need of our prayerful support.
- * Safe and happy holidays for all staff and students.



"NOT ALL OF US CAN DO GREAT THINGS. BUT WE CAN DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE!" ~

Mother Teresa.

Olive Chodowski REL

ALTAR SERVICE ROSTER



Saturday 20th September at 6.30 pm

Justin Nguyen and Grace Bosnar

Sunday 21st September at 9.00 am

Alessia Abate, Brianna Mercuri and Megan Whatman

Saturday 27th September at 6.30 pm

Alannah Briffa, Jade Azzopardi and Grace Bosnar

Sunday 28th September at 9.00 am

Rowan Cucanic and Faith Kissassi

Saturday 4th October at 6.30 pm

Maria Nguyen and Grace Bosnar

Sunday 5th October at 9.00 am

Alessia Abate, Brianna Mercuri and Megan Whatman

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

OCTOBER

Monday 6th Assembly – School Captains – 2.30pm

Thursday 9th Staff Conference – No School

Friday 10th Staff Conference – No School

Monday 13th Prayer Assembly – Year 1/2 - 2.40pm

Tuesday 14th Fire Brigade Visit - Preps



PREMIER READING CHALLENGE – Has FINISHED

PRC FACTS:

- 107 St. Mary's students became PRC champs....that's

FANTASTIC

- **Blue Team** had 30 champs
- **Red Team** had 28 champs
- **Yellow Team** had 26 champs
- **Green Team** had 23 champs
- **The total number of books read were 3,605.**

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL our CHAMPS.....

YOU have:

- Completed a HUGE challenge
- Become a better reader
- Had fun
- Earned your House Team points 150 points
- Been awarded a certificate from the Victorian Premier.

YOU SHOULD be feeling GREAT!!!! See photos of ALL our Champs in the TRI Centre.

A special thank you to Mrs Nicole Singleton who did LOTS of work helping our students become champs and putting up their photos.



Thank you to EVERYONE

who has come along before school to N2R.... A special thank you to Xander & Mairead, (Yr 6) Aiden, Luke & Faith (Year 3/4) who all readily came each week during Term 2 and 3 to organise N2R .

WELL DONE to the following **81 students and parents** who came to N2R over the past two terms.

PREP S	Jasmine, Donovan, Amelia, Isabelle *Parents: Monica, Amy S, Michelle P, Mrs Ryan
PREP H	Keely, Aidan.
YEAR 1/ 2 H	Dawit, Hannah, Shannon, Emma, Hayden, Brodie, Betty, Samantha, Marcus, Thomas W, Gabby, Grace Parents: Greg,
YEAR 1/ 2K	Anna, Jett, Erin,
YEAR 1/ 2D	Thomas P, Emma H, Harrison, Nikita, Caitlin, Mia,
YEAR 3/ 4L	Faith, Mark, (Alison- sister) Sara, Michelle, Joaquin, Cooper, Thomas J, Amelie, Elizabeth, Kate, Luke Parents: Natasha,
YEAR 3/ 4S	Aiden, Ally, Kyle, Emma, Georgia, Millie, Evelyn, Michael P, Ella, Justin, Nicolina Parents: Michelle

YEAR 3/ 4M	Maria, Mulunesh, Ethan, Jazmin D, Tanvi
YEAR 5/ 6G	Grace, Isabella, Ned,
YEAR 5/ 6C	Xander, Mairead, Blake, Isabelle, Angelo, Emily, Laura, Maree, Leah, Megan
YEAR 5/ 6V	Elena, Dibanchi, Dakota, Madison, Chloe, Bella.

PARENT HOME HELPERS

A HUGE thank you to the parents who have helped at home during the term by covering books or cutting out activities your help has been invaluable. Don't worry there is plenty more coming again next term.

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:

ALL TEAMS

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 6th October



Tuesday Alicia Galea
 Wednesday Maria Charalambous
 Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 13th October



Tuesday Anne Cooper
 Wednesday Pauline Luppino
 Thursday Marylinda Abate
 Friday Julie Whatman
 Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
 WEDNESDAYS 8.30 – 9.00 AM AND 3.00 – 3.30 PM**

Leah Byrne Co-ordinator

Parents and Friends News

BUNNINGS BBQ

Make a note in your diary this year's Bunnings BBQ is on Saturday 15th November 2014.



DOING IT RIGHT - Weeks 9 Term 3

Many children have been seen Doing It Right around the school recently. They have been seeing things that needed to be done and doing them, participating with enthusiasm in PE, lining up well, helping others with their Maths, listening well and loads of other great things!

1/2K: Sofia, Anna
 1/2D: Thomas, Lily, Ciara
 3/4M: Luke
 3/4S: Ava S, Sienna, Michael P
 5/6V: Elana, Angelique

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"Caring Catholic Community in Education"



ALTONA LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

"Encouraging kids to be their best!"

Time to REGISTER

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th September, 2014

10.00 am – 12 noon

George Nevitt Athletics Track, Sugar Gum Drive, Altona
 \$155 1st child, \$135 2nd child, \$115 thereafter

Season Starts: Saturday 4th October – 8.45am

TO REGISTER AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

www.altonalac.com.au

Robyn – 0499 994 305, altona@lavic.com.au

ATHLETICS TEAM

Congratulations to the members of our Athletics Team who competed at the Divisional Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 17th September. Well done to our relay team (Olivia, Megan, Brianna and Leah) who came 1st. Also to Olivia Y who came 2nd in 800m and 1st in long jump, Megan who came 1st in hurdles and 2nd in long jump, Grace who came 5th in 200m and Ryan who came 4th in 1500m. The relay team and Megan and Olivia will go on to the Zone Championships to be held in October.



KINDNESS CHALLENGE – 1st

September to the end of Term 3

Thanks to everyone who participated in some way in our Kindness Challenge. We hope you gained some happiness from the experience.

NEW MICHAEL GROSE ARTICLE

Check out the link to the new Michael Grose article available on the school website – WELLBEING: Resources for Parents. Entitled 'Beyond their Years', the article provides you with some great ideas and thoughts on monitoring and controlling the exposure of early primary school children to internet, TV and app content.

KELLY SPORTS

Flyers for next term's programs were sent home to Prep – Year 4 students this week.

Spare flyers are available on the table outside the staff room.

For more information about the DYNAMIC DANCE or SUPER SPRING SPORTS programs go online

www.kellysports.com.au

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



THE CHALLENGE IS ON.....

HOW MANY TIMES can you **COME TO SCHOOL** in an **ACTIVE WAY** during the **MONTH OF OCTOBER?**

What do you need to do?

1. Walk, Scoot or Ride to and / or from school – part of the way is okay!
2. Record your active transport efforts by getting a sticker on your card.
Cards will be kept in 'grade' boxes and brought out on to the netball court each morning. (A little like Need to Read.)

Questions you might have...

1. **Do I have to be active on the way to and from school?**
NO...you might walk/ ride to school but get driven home or the other way around! You can still record your walk/ ride.
2. **How far is okay for 'part of the way'?**
As far as your parents think is okay. If they only want you to walk one block (eg from Civic Pde to school then that's okay. If they are happy for you to travel further then that's great too!)
3. **What if I forget to get my sticker on a day I am active?**
You can put your sticker on the next day. We know you'll be honest and trust that you will do the right thing.
4. **What about when it's a school closure day (9th & 10th Oct) or Year 4 camp?**
If you would normally come to school in an active way on those days then you can get a sticker on your card.

Our MONTHLY 'OCTOBER' WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY will be on 21ST OCTOBER.



We will record house points as we normally do on this day.

To help you come to school in an active way we will also run our **WALKING SCHOOL BUS** on the following days
(look out for a return slip early next term)

THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER, TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER & FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

TERM 4 WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DATES

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER
TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER



Don't risk your child's life

Never call your child from across the road. Excited children often dash out onto the road and forget to look for traffic. Children cannot accurately judge traffic speed.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS BEGINS WITH YOU!

Magaret Masseni (Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader)

MSJ NEWS

Mount St Joseph Girls College Open Day and 'Back To MSJ Day'

All local community members are invited to our Open Day on **Sunday 12th October** from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to see our school in action, meet staff and students and learn about how our College specialises in the education of girls. Also on Sunday 12th October as part of our Golden Jubilee celebrations, the College will be hosting a 'Back to MSJ Day' from 1.00 – 4.00 pm with all past students and staff of the College being invited to bring a picnic and reconnect with friends and see how much has changed in the fifty years of the College.

Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website www.msj.vic.edu.au or by contacting the school on 8398 2000 or emailing the College Registrar, Sherri Collins at registrar@msj.vic.edu.au

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



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

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

SOMERS PARADE KINDERGARTEN 50 YEAR CELEBRATION

4 Somers Parade, Altona

Come and celebrate 50 years of children's kindergarten education in Altona, Hobsons Bay. Enjoy a fun filled afternoon reconnecting with your past kindergarten friends and teachers and share the experience with your families. SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 2014, 1.00 – 3.00 PM. Speeches, cake cutting, sausage sizzle, children's entertainment, photo display and unveiling of plaque will commence at 1.30 pm. To RSVP for more information or to share some pictures or memorabilia please email somers50years@gmail.com

2014 TACKERS PROGRAM, ALTONA YACHT CLUB

11TH October – 13TH December

9.00 – 12.00 pm Saturdays

25+ hours tuition from qualified instructors

Fun on –water and off water games

Tackers Kit and Certificate

Contact Tom Cotter 9686 2571

www.theboatshed.net.au, infor@theboatshed.net.au

www.discoversailing.org.au/tackers

HOBSONS BAY LIBRARIES ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP

Looking for inspiration for your Friends of Altona Libraries 'illustration Competition entry?

Check out Heath's work at <http://heathmck.com/> Please book for those participating

Friday 26th September

Laverton Community Hub, 95-105 Railway Avenue

Phone 1300 HOB LIB / 1300 462 542

[Http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)

HOBSONS BAY ALTONA LIBRARY English Conversation Class

Is English your new language? Welcome!

Mondays at 1.30 pm now in Altona Library

Cnr. Sargood / Queen Streets, Altona

This Class is FREE!

Coffee, Tea, & Biscuits provided

Neil 0402 817 673 nrtolliday@yahoo.com.au

FAMILY FUN DAY

20TH OF SEPT - 10AM TO 2PM

Leave your wallet at home its all FREE *

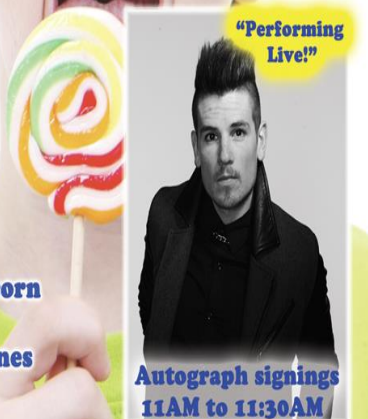


ipad mini giveaway

Activities:

- ♦ Pony Rides
- ♦ Petting Zoo
- ♦ Ball Crawl
- ♦ Jumping Castle
- ♦ Live Band
- ♦ MerryGoRound
- ♦ Fairy Floss, Popcorn & Slushies
- ♦ Junior Trampolines
- ♦ Kids Craft

Transformation Centre
C3 Church Newport
107 Woods Street, Newport



Appearance: "Michael Paynter
as featured on The Voice Australia"

* Except items purchased in the New Leaf Cafe

Learn music

here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, here at St. Mary's Altona.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$15.40 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4.

Interested parents should call Marika during office hours on 9818 2333

 Creative Music

www.creativemusic.com.au