Dear Parents

We have a serious financial situation which has arisen with our school finances. At the time of writing this newsletter we have just over $60,000 outstanding in school fees. The viability of our school budget is dependent upon collection of the majority of our school fees and this large amount outstanding is now impacting upon the day to day functioning of our school. All families with outstanding amounts will be receiving an up to date Statement today. Please settle this account as soon as possible or contact myself so we can make some alternative arrangements.

SCHOOL SPORTS:

Our School Sports are to be held on Friday 7th November (Week 5, Term 4) at the Altona Little Athletics Track in Sugar Gum Drive (behind the Altona Hockey Club). The children will leave school at approximately 9.00am to walk to the track. If you are able to walk with your child’s grade please contact your child’s class teacher.

Events will begin at approximately 9.20am with a welcome and will continue throughout the day, concluding with the chant / song competition and the presentation of the school sports shield to the winning house. The children will walk back to school at approximately 2.30 pm.

You may take your child home from the track but you must sign out with your child’s class teacher before leaving. If your child is going home with an adult other than you please contact your child’s class teacher before the 7th November. Local permission notes will cover this excursion.

To participate fully in our sports day your child will need to be wearing their sports uniform, including their hat. They will need to bring their lunch, play lunch and drink in disposable containers in a plastic bag/small backpack labelled with their name and grade. NO CANTEEN facilities will be available. Sunscreen will also be needed as it is going to be a beautiful, sunny day.

If you are able to help out on the day could you please complete the form available on the school website – NEWS: Notes & Forms and return it to school as soon as possible.

Thanks to those who have already returned their form. Letters with details of activities will be sent home in the week prior to the sports. Please contact Mrs. Masseni via email mmasseni001@smaltona.catholic.edu.au if you don’t receive yours.

BOOK FAIR:

Its Book Fair all next week sales will be between 3.00 – 4.00 pm every day in the School Hall. We have been advised that EFTPOS will be available for your convenience. Children would have completed their wish lists this week.

OUT of SCHOOL HOURS CARE:

May be operating on our next School Closure day which is Monday 3rd November (Monday before Cup Day) dependent upon numbers. If you are requiring OSHC on this day you will need to contact Camp Australia as soon as possible at www.campaustralia.com.au or phone 300 105 343.

WESTERN ZONE PRINCIPAL NETWORK:

Our Annual Conference will be taking place next week on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th October which I will be attending, in my absence Mrs Nancy Scuder will be Acting Principal on the Thursday as Mrs Burnett will also be away. Mrs Burnett will be Acting Principal on Friday.

David Kelly.
Principal.

PRINCIPALS AWARDS:

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

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EDUCATION IN FAITH

Social Justice Statement 2014–15

A CROWN FOR AUSTRALIA
STRIVING FOR THE BEST IN OUR SPORTING NATION
Statement by Australian Catholic Bishops Conference:

We are sisters and brothers – athletes running together in this human race. United in the race, we must remember that sport is a means of celebrating our own human identity, an occasion to realise ourselves as women and men fully alive.

When we rejoice in it, we rejoice in the continuing creation of God and the human nature that Jesus shares with us. In this context, let us pray that we will be transformed in body, mind and spirit.

Lord Jesus Christ, help these athletes to be your friends and witness to your love ... help them to achieve a harmonious and cohesive unity of body and soul.

May they be sound models to imitate for all who admire them. Help them always to be athletes of the spirit, to win your inestimable prize: an imperishable crown that lasts forever. Amen.

Year 3/4M will be attending the Friday 24th October Parish Mass at 9:15 am. Please come, celebrate, sit with and join your children in prayer.

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

Olive Chodowski - REL
“Living in a simple humble way, we want for nothing.”
St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop-1881

ALTAR SERVICE ROSTER
Saturday 18th October at 6.30 pm
Jade Azzopardi and Madison Azzopardi

Sunday 19th October at 9.00 am
Alessia Abate and Brianna Mercuri

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

OCTOBER
Monday 20th
Assembly 3/4L – 2.30 pm
Book Fair Week Begins
3.00 – 4.00 pm

Tuesday 21st
Walk and Ride to School Day
Book Fair 3.00 – 4.00 pm

Wednesday 22nd
Book Fair 3.00 – 4.00 pm

Thursday 23rd
Book Fair 3.00 – 4.00 pm

Friday 24th
Book Fair 3.00 – 4.00 pm

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

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J.S.C.

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 Mikey, Laura, Hannah E and Daniel A who attended the October 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 Mikey who spoke on the schools behalf.

SUMMER READING LIST
To WIN your Summer Reading Wish List all you need to do is log onto www.scholastic.com.au/competitions LOOK through Issue 7 Book Clubs and pick what you’d like to win for your reading summer pack. Make sure you choose books to the value of $100. You can choose products from one Club or across the range. Entries close by 14th November.

Get reading for 10 minutes or more every day!
REMEMBER children who read for at least 10 MINUTES a day over summer school holidays have a better start to the new school year than children who spend little or no time reading. GO TO www.scholastic.com.au/competitions to join.

Gwenda Burnett
Literacy Leader.

TUCKSHOP HELPERS - Week beginning 20th October

Manager: Eva Coppola Tel: 9315 0799

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Please note that the uniform shop hours have changed and are now open on Wednesday after school ONLY 3.00 -3.30 pm. Dresses are expected soon and can be pre-ordered now either at the School Office or Uniform Shop.
BUNNINGS BBQ
The BUNNINGS BBQ is on Saturday 15th November. We are looking for volunteers to help with this major fundraising event. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter and let us know what time you’re able to lend a hand.

DOING IT RIGHT
Many children have been seen Doing It Right around the school recently. They have been working hard, acting responsibly, reading well in the library, losing gracefully, taking pride in the environment, working hard in testing, focussing on their work, helping and organising Need 2 Read, helping to solve problems, being honest and loads of other great things!
Prep H: Amber, Isabelle N, Angus, Jeremy.
1/2H: Isabella, Hannah.
1/2K: Jett, Lexie, Cooper, Zaii, Lucas, Sam, Erin, Gemma, Michael M, Jordan, Chloe, James, Gigi.
5/6C: Xander, Emily, Isabelle P, Marie, Leah, Laura, Angelo, Blake, Megan.

PARENT SEMINAR
TOPIC: Mindfully Building Resilient Children
SPEAKER: Therese Sheedy (Psychologist)
WHERE: St. Mary’s Altona, Upstairs in the TRI Centre
DATE: Tuesday 21st October 7 – 8.30pm
COST: $10.00 per family
If you haven’t replied but would like to come along, there is still room.
Reply via email mmasseni001@smaltona.catholic.edu.au or via the note on the school website.
Or….Just come along on the night if you find that you are free.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS
Congratulations to our girls who competed at the Regional Athletics this week. Our relay team, Brianna, Leah, Megan and Olivia came 5th. Megan came 2nd in hurdles and 3rd in long jump. Olivia came 2nd in the 800m and 1st in long jump. Both Megan and Olivia will compete at the STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS at the end of October.
GOOD LUCK girls.

TERM 4 WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL
DATES
TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER
TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER

VOLLEYBALL / NEWCOMBE TEAM
Congratulations to our Year 6 girls who competed in the Divisional Volleyball competition last Friday when everyone else (except the staff) was having a holiday! Isabelle, Leah, Olivia Y, Olivia L, Megan, Ally, Verity, Wubit, Kathleen and Madeline played exceptionally well and came RUNNERS UP on the day, just losing to St Margaret Mary’s Spotswood. Thanks to Ms Gomez and Helen Mullins who coached the students in the lead up to the competition and to Helen and the other parents who coached, scored, umpired and supervised on the day.

Margaret Masseni (Wellbeing and PE / Sport Leader)
Congratulations to the outstanding group of students commissioned this week as the College Leaders for 2015, including College Captains, Erin Dick and Joel Dyt (NDC) and Constantinos Kotsianis (SPC) and House Captains. The leaders reflected at the assembly on the meaning of the College symbols for their leadership in committing to their roles of service in 2015.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE AT ST. MARYS
Camp Australia
WE MAKE KIDS SMILE!
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.

SOMERS PARADE KINDERGARTEN
50 YEAR CELEBRATION
5th October, 2014
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

ALL FOR KIDS MARKET
“MUMS HELPING MUMS”
All stalls indoors, Pre-loved, New and handmade items.
Mossfiel Primary School
Langridge Street, Hoppers Crossing
Quality Bargains / Fun for the Kids and More!
Saturday 25th October, 2014
Adults $3.00 / Kids Free!
Why not clear out your clutter and recycle it into cash?
Pre-loved Special $30 / New and Handmade: $50.00
Book online Enquires: 0431 710 786
www.allforkidsmarket.com.au
MARKET FRESH SCHOOLS – FRUIT AND VEGGIE PROGRAM

WHAT: Fruit and Veg provided to all students by the Melbourne Market Authority
WHEN: Wednesday 5th November – 10.30 – 1.30 pm
WHERE: School Hall

CAN YOU HELP?: YES ----- We need at least 8 parents to help prepare and serve the fruit and veg with the Market Fresh staff from 10.30 am – 1.00 pm (approx finish time)
Please return the slip below to Marg Masseni as soon as possible.

MARKET FRESH SCHOOLS PROGRAM – 5th NOVEMBER – RETURN TO MARG MASSENI as soon as possible.

I am able to help prepare the fruit and veg.

NAME___________________________________________________________
CHILD’S NAME & GRADE_____________________________________________________
CONTACT NUMBER ____________________
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THE CHALLENGE IS ON.....
HOW MANY TIMES can you COME TO SCHOOL in an ACTIVE WAY during the MONTH OF OCTOBER?

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR ‘ACTIVE TRANSPORT OCTOBER’?
GO TO THE TABLE IN THE YARD EACH DAY IN OCTOBER TO FIND OUT MORE

Our MONTHY ‘OCTOBER’ WALK / RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY is next TUES 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

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER & FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

ACTIVE TRANSPORT in TERM 4 (Return to Mrs Masseni)
We will be there!!!!!

CIRCLE YOUR DATES: 21ST OCT / 31ST OCT / 18TH NOV / 11TH DEC

– Esplanade & Cnr Sargood St (beach side of the road)
– Cnr of Mc Intyre Drive & Civic Pde (North side of Civic Pde)

Family name: ________________________________   Contact Phone No.:_____________________________
No of children: _____________________________    No. of Adults________________________

I CAN HELP TO SUPERVISE – NAME:.................................................................................................

Do you have a working with Children Check? Yes or No

If not, please go to the Post Office to inquire. We’d love your help

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Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 15th November 2014

The annual St Mary’s Bunnings BBQ is one of the major fundraisers for our school. The more volunteers we have the easier it is for everyone and the more money we can raise for school supplies. Due to the generous organisation skills of some of the parents, we only need volunteers on the day itself.

No experience is necessary in BBQing or money handling. Have a look at the time slots below and the amount of volunteers needed. You can either join up with a couple of mates at a time slot or put your name down and take the opportunity to meet some other parents over a hot griddle.

The easiest way to get on the roster is to call or text Jarrod Pye on 0428 502 815 with your name/s, time and contact number. You could also email Jarrod at Jarrod_Pye@firststatesuper.com.au or, of course you can take the traditional route of filling in the form below and returning it to the office.

All help is greatly appreciated, if you can only help for part of a time slot, that’s ok. You will be contacted in the week leading up to the BBQ to confirm your time.

Please fill in the form below and return to the School Office.

Bunnings BBQ Roster – Saturday 15th November 2014

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